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Oil deregulation to continue: FM

The government sought to comfort jittery stock market investors on Saturday with finance minister Arun Jaitley assuring them on maintaining a deregulated regime for petrol and diesel prices.

Retd judge, wife commit suicide

A retired judge committed suicide by jumping before a running train near Renigunta in Andhra Pradesh on Friday morning. A few hours later, his distraught wife, who reached the spot on being informed, also ended her life by jumping in front of another train. **P 9**

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EC blows poll bugle in five states, verdict on Dec 11

Direct Battle Between BJP, Cong In Raj, MP & C'garh

New Delhi: Assembly polls in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana will be held between November 12 and December 7 in what may be a virtual semi-final to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Counting of votes will be taken up together in all the five states on December 11, the Election Commission announced on Saturday.

While Chhattisgarh will go to the polls in two phases on November 12 and 20, elections in Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram will be held on November 28. Polling in Rajasthan and Telangana will be held on December 7, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) OP Rawat announced.

The Congress, which is ruling in Mizoram, is trying to wrest power from the BJP in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

In Telangana, the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) had dissolved the assembly on September 6, paving way for early elections. Like in the past, Chhattisgarh will have elections in two phases. In the first phase, 18 seats in south Chhattisgarh affected by left wing extremism will go to polls and in the second phase voting will be held in 72 seats.

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TWO-PHASE POLLING IN CHHATTISGARH

RAJASTHAN
Polling date | December 7
Total seats | 200
2013 verdict
BJP - 163
Cong - 21
Others - 16

MADHYA PRADESH
Polling date | November 28
Total seats | 230
2013 verdict
BJP - 165
Cong - 58
Others - 7

CHHATTISGARH
Polling dates | November 12 & 20
Total seats | 90
2013 verdict
BJP - 49
Cong - 39
Others - 2

Postponement of press meet sparks row

The Congress on Saturday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "put pressure" on the Election Commission to delay its press conference to announce poll dates in five states as he was scheduled to address a rally in Rajasthan, a claim rubbished by the poll panel chief. Chief Election Commissioner OP Rawat said in Delhi that the EC does not work under pressure and listed three reasons for the nearly three-hour delay in giving out the schedule. **P 5**

Raj announces free electricity for farmers

The Rajasthan government has launched a scheme to provide free electricity to farmers having general category connections. CM Vasundhara Raje said on Saturday. Addressing a public rally on the culmination of her Rajasthan Gaurav Yatra, the CM said the scheme launched on Friday would help increase the income of farmers. "We want the farmers to get free electricity to some extent so that their income can increase," Raje said. **P 5**

Can't wait any longer for Cong, says Akhilesh

The Samajwadi Party (SP) ruled out any alliance with the Congress for the upcoming Madhya Pradesh assembly polls. SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said they waited long to come to an understanding but the Congress showed no willingness to join hands. "We have waited till now but not any longer," the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister said. He added that the party will either contest the polls on its own or in an alliance with the Gondwana Party. **P 3**

Self-mutilation on rise among teens

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Mumbai: Sonali Gupta, a clinical psychologist in Mumbai, noticed that her young client repeatedly wore long-sleeved shirts despite the October heat. Four sessions later, she discovered what she had suspected all along. The girl was cutting herself on her forearms with sharp objects—not with a view to kill herself but to cope with her anxiety.

A phenomenon clinically described as "non-suicidal deliberate self-harm"—where adolescents injure themselves with knives, blades or even the pointy compass from the geometry box—is increasingly coming to the attention of mental health professionals. The self-mutilation,

they say, is a method of coping with pent-up stress and anxiety. In extreme cases, if not addressed, it can lead to suicide. It is far more common among girls but now boys are self-injuring too.

"It is not a new phenomenon, but it is now being identified as more young people are reaching out for help," says Dr K John Vijay Sagar, professor in the department of child and adolescent psychiatry at NIMHANS in Bangalore. "We see this self-directed aggression across social strata and one thing is clear: Youngsters these days are under significant stress—academic stress, interpersonal stress with peers or parents, relationship-related stress."

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Can't be selective in targeting one practice: Jaitley

New Delhi: In the midst of protests by some groups in Kerala against the Supreme Court ruling striking down the ban on women of menstrual age from entering Sabarimala Temple, senior BJP leader and Union minister Arun Jaitley on Saturday said courts could not be selective in targeting one practice and must be uniform in looking at practices of all faiths.

SABARIMALA ORDER

"If you want to take a progressive step. Articles 14 and 21 (of the Constitution) will apply against all religions," Jaitley said at the HT Leaders Summit here.

"It cannot happen that you select a practice and apply it because that will have many social consequences in a pluralist society like India, the finance minister said. **P 6**

Captain Kohli turns vegan

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He used to be chubby-faced with a special fondness for biryani, but fitness-obsessed Virat Kohli's remarkable transformation continues with the Indian cricket captain now having decided to turn vegan.

TOI has learnt the Delhi-born cricketer decided to stay away from animal protein almost four months ago. Kohli's current diet revolves mainly around protein shakes, vegetables and soya. **P 6**

Group visits kin of 'criminals', attacked

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Agra: Nearly a dozen people, including former Samajwadi Party spokesperson Pankhuri Pathak and film writer Amareesh Mishra, were assaulted by a group of Bajrang Dal activists in Aligarh on Saturday after they visited the families of the two alleged criminals, Naushad and Mustaqeem, who were killed in an alleged encounter with UP police recently. A video of the incident, which later went viral on the social media,

purportedly shows activists also vandalizing their vehicles in the presence of policemen.

VIDEO VIRAL

"This is not the right. We are going back. There is no need to do such things (assault us)," said a visibly shaken Pathak. "Aap log ek mahilla ke saath aisa kaise kar sakte hain (how can you do this with a woman)," she says in the video as the activists push her around.

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Now, SP rules out ties with Cong in MP polls



The SP's snub to the Congress comes just days after Mayawati ruled out any BSP alliance with Congress

Waited Long For Understanding, Says Akhilesh

Lucknow: The Samajwadi Party said Saturday it will no longer wait for the Congress to decide on an alliance for Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections, suggesting it preferred Mayawati's BSP.

The SP's snub to the Congress comes just days after Mayawati ruled out any BSP alliance with that party for Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections, a move which could hit opposition efforts to form an anti-BJP front before the 2019 Lok Sabha election.

"The Congress has made us wait for too long. How much longer must we wait?" SP president Akhilesh Yadav said.

"We will now consult the Gondwana Gantantra party with which we had an alliance, and also the BSP, for the coming Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh," Yadav told reporters on the side-

lines of a party event here. "Time is passing by and we cannot wait any longer," he said.

Reacting to Yadav's remark, the Congress said in New Delhi that it had not been planning an alliance with the SP in Madhya Pradesh in any case.

But Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala added there had been a possibility of an alliance with the BSP in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

On Wednesday, Mayawati said her Bahujan Samaj Party will contest the Assembly polls on its own or in alliance with a regional party. She had said Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi wanted an alliance but some "selfish" senior leaders in their party were out to foil any understanding.

Reacting to Mayawati's statement, Akhilesh Yadav had then urged the Congress to show large-heartedness by taking along other parties.

"If there is any delay, there is a possibility that other parties may declare their candidates. After this, there

New Allahabad univ students union office bearers sworn in

Allahabad: After a bout of violence, the newly-elected office bearers of the Allahabad University Students Union were sworn in on Saturday amid tight police presence, officials said.

Violence rocked the varsity at around 2 a.m., soon after the results of the polling held earlier on Friday were announced with mobs of alleged Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) supporters torching vehicles and setting a hostel building on fire. Crude bombs were also hurled. Fire tenders and senior district officials including the SSP rushed in with reinforcements. IANS

will be a levelling of allegations that they colluded with the BJP," he had said.

Madhya Pradesh will go to the polls on November 28, the Election Commission announced Saturday. 77

CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Venom (Action, Horror, Sci-Fi) ★★ ★★

Cast: Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams, Jenny Slate, Riz Ahmed

Direction: Ruben Fleischer

Duration: 1 hour 52 minutes

Language: English (U/A)

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■ A bold reporter's desperate attempt to redeem his career backfires when he is infected by a parasite who brings out his vicious alter-ego.

Eddie Brock (Tom Hardy) is an intrepid journalist, who doesn't know when to hold back, and this costs him dearly when he loses his job and more. His mistake? Taking on Carlton Drake (Riz Ahmed) — a businessman who considers himself to be a visionary — albeit with sketchy morals. Not to be outdone, Brock tries to probe into Drake's shady activities when he encounters a mind-reading extra-terrestrial being that fuses with him, giving him extraordinary powers. Brock is now left to choose how he uses his newfound abilities. If there was any doubt that Tom Hardy was best suited to take on the dual personalities of Venom/Eddie Brock, that quickly dissipates once the interplay between the two begins. Hardy has handled roles that require him to juggle between personas, and he demonstrates all his prior experiences here. Once 'possessed', Hardy infuses a playful yet dark aura to Brock that works well to



bring some frenetic vigour to the film.

But the screenplay doesn't allow us more insight into the moral conundrum going through his mind. This proves to be frustrating when you know that the actor behind the role has more depth and range than the script allows. In fact, it seems to be concerned mainly with stomping from one plot point to the next, which gets tedious. The dissonance between the characters and the plot points is painfully evident during the awkward conversations they have with each other; particularly between Brock and his ex-girlfriend Anne, featuring Michelle Williams in a baffling casting choice. Why hire a decorated actress if you don't know how to maximise her skills? The same can be asked of Riz Ahmed, who trudges along in villain mode as just another bad guy who

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wants to change the world because 'reasons'.

What the screenplay lacks in character development, it makes up for in at least a couple of the action scenes that are well staged and executed, save for the anti-climax, when it all converges into a massive CGI blob, quite literally. All hope isn't lost though. A mid-credits scene does enough to build excitement for the subsequent sequel, which hopefully will feature Venom being integrating into the Spider-verse. If nothing, Tom Hardy proves that he's more than equipped to play the sentient symbiote, but in the hands of a more adept director implementing a tauter story.

— Neil Soans

READERS' VERDICT

SUI DHAAGA: MADE IN INDIA

READERS' RATING 3.8

CRITIC'S RATING ★★ ★★ 1/2

Sui Dhaaga is weaved with simplicity

It's quite convincing

● *Sui Dhaaga* beautifully depicts how people can make sacrifices in their lives and yet fulfil their dreams. **CHETAN MEHRA**

● Awesome movie, *Sui Dhaaga* is sewn together with strong performances and moments that tell a convincing story. **RAJ**

● "Every successful man has a woman behind him" is very well portrayed here. It deals with the day to day problems of life. The screenplay has been kept very simple and straight. The dialogues are also natural. Overall, it's an enjoyable watch. **RISHI MITTAL**

Both Varun and Anushka shine

● It's a wonderful real-life drama that is very well-portrayed by Anushka and Varun. **NEELAM TIWARY**

● *Sui Dhaaga* is a wonderful movie portraying the indomitable spirit of two people. Anushka and Varun have acted wonderfully. It's a must-watch for everyone. **T N SINGH**

It could've been better

● Watch it for superb performances and great chemistry between Varun and Anushka. It's a complete family entertainer. **MISHI UPADHYAY**

● The roles played by Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma are spectacular. **SURAJ**

● Enjoyable for most parts, gets over-simplistic in the latter half. Good acting makes it worth watching. **SHALENDER SHARMA**

● The story is good but the casting of Anushka and Varun is a misfit, as they couldn't carry the simplicity required for this role in a natural way. **NIRAJ MISHRA**

RATING SCALE

TRASH ★ | BELOW AVERAGE ★★ | AVERAGE ★★★ | ABOVE AVERAGE ★★★

GOOD ★★★★★ | VERY GOOD ★★★★★ | VERY GOOD+ ★★★★★ | OUTSTANDING ★★★★★

At 53, 'oldest juvenile' sentenced to cleaning hospital for 3 years

Keshav Agrawal | TNN

Pilibhit: It was a strange sight in the juvenile justice board court in Uttar Pradesh's Pilibhit earlier this week. The court premises, which normally sees teenagers on the wrong side of law walking around, had an unsure 53-year-old standing in a corner sheepishly waiting for his turn. He was the oldest 'juvenile' in the court in the living memory of all present there.

The bailiff gave the call earlier than usual. The man in the corner had waited for this for 38 years though.

The board quickly read through the details and sentenced the man booked for murder in 1980 to clean the district hospital and the postmortem house for three years.

He was 15 then and had stabbed a 40-year-old man



during a scuffle that the victim had with the accused's grandfather. This was on December 11, 1980. The man succumbed to his injuries after nine days of hospitalization.

He was tried as an adult, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment by the local court in 1982. He spent five months and 15 days in jail and got a bail later.

Out of jail, he began to sell vegetables. Three years later, he got married and had three sons and three daughters

As part of his punishment, the accused has to clean the district government hospital in Pilibhit and postmortem house without any payment, holiday or even lunch break for three years

later. His sons have done well for themselves with one of them in Saudi Arabia. All this while, the case moved in files at various courts.

Following an appeal in the Allahabad high court, the trial court was asked to hear the "minor" appellant on the question of sentence in 2012. As the high court had also observed that the appellant was entitled to the benefits of provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, the trial

court at Pilibhit transferred his case to the JJ board.

"The board finally began to hear the case involving the oldest juvenile in history," his lawyer Vivek Pandey told TOI. "The judgment is unique and the first of its kind in the area. It enshrines the inherent objective of judicial system to mend criminals in real senses by sentencing them to community work," said Avdesh Chandra Mishra, a criminal lawyer in Pilibhit.

For the accused, it is far from a happy ending though.

"The judgment is being reviewed closely by us for an appeal as it did not make any provision for any payment to the convict for his work. He has also not been given any weekly holiday during the three-year-long sentence and he would not be given any lunch break during his seven-hour shift," his lawyers said.

'Would've been lynched if locals hadn't helped'

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They had knives in their hands and they were shouting 'maar do' (kill them)," she said.

Pathak told TOI that she somehow managed to reach her car but the Bajrang Dal men started pelting stones on it as soon as she got in. "But for the help from some local senior residents, I would have been lynched," she said, alleging that local police had leaked information of her visit to the activists.

However, SP (city) Atul Srivastava said that the incident would not have happened if Pankhuri Pathak had informed police before meeting the criminals' families. He said they had no prior information about her visit.

Srivastava said, "Earlier, so many organisations, including students' leader



Bajrang Dal workers burn former SP Spokesperson Pankhuri Pathak and student activist Umar Khalid effigies in Aligarh on Saturday

Umar Khalid, had met the families and they were provided security." He added that local residents of the area are agitated over the six murders committed by the two slain criminals.

When contacted, Bajrang Dal district convenor Ram Kumar Arya said his men had not assaulted Pathak. However, the outfit's activists burnt effigies of Pathak and Umar Khalid later in the

evening. He said local residents are agitated over murders committed by the slain criminals and Pathak and her team should have come with police protection if they wanted to visit their families.

Mustaqeem and Naushad, who carried a bounty of Rs25,000 each on their heads, were killed in an encounter with police in Harduaganj area here on September 20.

Russian theatre scholar visits AMU

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Agra: Professor Svetlana Ryzhakova, a Russian theatre scholar and an anthropologist recently visited Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and conducted an interaction-workshop on theatre at the University's Cultural Education Centre's drama club.

During the session, Prof Svetlana said that she has been working to explore the local customs and rituals of several tribes across India and how theatre has served as a conduit of expression for last 20 years.

In an open session, Prof Ryzhakova shared her views from her experience and expertise. She has frequented almost all states of India ranging from Rajasthan to Manipur interacting with folk artists and studying different cultures and rituals. Students participated in the workshop and expressed their views and knowledge of theatre.

UP govt aims at doubling farmers' income: Minister

Mathura: Uttar Pradesh minister Surya Pratap Shahi said Saturday the BJP government in the state aims to double farmers' income by introducing technology and modern techniques of farming.

For this, the Uttar Pradesh government will hold a three-day event 'Agriculture Kumbha', starting October 26, in state capital Lucknow to bring farmers, experts and scientists on one platform, he said.

This is the first time this event is being held and it will also see the participation of agro companies, the state agriculture minister told reporters here.

During the event, farmers will be apprised about modern techniques through mechanization stalls, which will tell them about controlling post-harvest damage, he said. Terming agriculture as the backbone of Uttar Pradesh's economy, Shahi said he expects that at least one lakh farmers will attend the event.

Efforts are on to ensure participation of farmers from all the districts, he

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said. Shahi said animal husbandry is essential for increasing the income of farmers and that improvement of breed of cattle was going on war-footing.

Efforts are on to protect crops of farmers through the Pradhanmantri Fasal Beema Yojna, he said, adding that 25 lakh farmers are being covered for their Kharif crop.

The state government has waived loans of 86 lakh farmers and arrears of cane growers have been paid, the minister said.

Uttar Pradesh is the first state where 23 lakh farmer beneficiaries have been given grant of 756 crores through Direct Benefit Transfer, he asserted. 77

Two new snouts develop on Gaumukh glacier, fresh cracks visible: Trek team

Abhyudaya Kotnala | TNN

Uttarkashi: A team of Dehradun-based trekkers who returned from Gaumukh have claimed that heavy rains and landslides in the upper Himalayan area have drastically changed the shape of Gangotri glacier from where the river originates.

The group clicked photographs of two new snouts developed in front of the glacier which they claimed was a worrying sign as the glacier earlier had only one snout from where the Ganga gushed out. Besides, they added that a few deep cracks have also developed in the front face of the glacier which may lead to more degradation.

Anshul Badoni, a trekker from Dehradun, said, "During our recent trek to Gangotri National Park on September 30, we saw some drastic changes in the shape of Gangotri glacier. When I saw the glacier last in 2017, there was only one snout from where the river Ganga was originating. But this time, we saw that two new snouts have developed on the right side of the glacier and water is origi-



The group clicked photographs of two new snouts developed in front of the glacier which they claimed was a worrying sign as the glacier earlier had only one snout from where the Ganga gushed out

nating from them. Besides, some new cracks have also developed in the front face of the glacier. This may be due to the heavy mass of moraine debris being gathered all over the glacier."

Environmentalist Suresh Bhai considers the change a terrible threat for the existence of Gangotri glacier and river Ganga.

He told TOI, "Climate change and human intrusion in the Himalayan area have adversely affected the glacier. During my several visits, I have also witnessed drastic changes in the shape

of the glacier, which has now become a heap of debris from an ice wall. Tourists and other environment experts who have visited the area have shared their experience on social media and have also written about it at length. However, the government is yet to implement the climate action plan which was prepared years back to preserve the sensitive ecosystem of the Himalayas."

He added that if things continue the way it is, "Within no time Gaumukh will disappear". Meanwhile, terming it a

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natural phenomenon, scientists said that the extra snouts will not be a threat to the existence of the glacier.

DP Dobhal, glaciologist at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, said, "This is a natural process and there is no threat. The two new snouts might have developed due to the possible lake formation at the glacier. Gangotri glacier generates large amounts of water compared to other glaciers. During the lake formation incident, the flow of the water might have got disturbed and due to the diversion in the direction of water, the snouts might have been formed."

He added that it could also be because of damage from landslides triggered by heavy rains in the upper Himalayan region from the past few years. "However, the real cause of the snout formation can only be disclosed after a detailed study."

AMU doc awarded for donating most blood

Agra: Dr Saleem Mohammad Khan, junior resident, Dept of Community Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) brought laurels to the department as he was awarded for donating maximum blood through campaign at a state level function in Lucknow.

In a programme jointly organized by State Blood Transfusion Council (SBTC), Uttar Pradesh and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sci-

ences, Lucknow, Dr Saleem was felicitated for organizing voluntary blood donation camps and collecting blood for patients in need. The camps were organized by Blood Bank JNMC, AMU and SOCH Sansha Aligarh. The aim of the programme was to spread awareness about voluntary blood donation.

Prof Ali Amir, chairperson, Department of Community Medicine, AMU, in his congratulatory note, 777

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Driver Of Vehicle Loses Control Over 'Overcrowded' Vehicle

Local volunteers launched a rescue operation soon after the accident

"The critically injured persons were airlifted to Army hospital at Udhampur and Government Medical College hospital Jammu for specialized treatment," the DIG said and praised the rescuers for reaching the accident victims "in shortest possible time", saving many lives. ■

The Supreme Court had last month restricted use of Aadhaar by private entities like telecom operators for verifying identity

"Aadhaar is not a citizenship card," he said at the HT Leadership Summit here. "Because after all you have a system where you give a lot of

government money in form of various support and subsidies to all kinds of people. That was the principle objective of Aadhaar." The Supreme Court, he said, upheld most of what Aadhaar does.

"What had not been upheld falls in two categories,

One is the principle of proportionality that Aadhaar will help in these cases and then do it by an appropriate law. "So the whole argument which was given that private companies can't use it, there is Section 57 which says you can authorise others either

Scuffles were reported between Indian and Afghan students on Monday and Thursday

On Friday, district magistrate Brajesh Narain Singh directed the police to file a new FIR against "outsiders"

who were purportedly seen in the videos "escalating the minor scuffle into a communal issue". The magistrate also said he would detain one Deepak Sharma of Rashtriya Swabhiman Dal under the National Security Act for "disrupting public order" with his "inflammatory video and remarks".

In a letter to the varsity's vice-chancellor Saturday, the

district administration recalled a similar incident last year involving students from Africa and sought to know what measures the institute had taken since then regarding safety and peace on campus and on prohibition of entry of outsiders.

"Incidents of violence in the campus involving Afghan and local students including Kashmiris have been reported

The bench took note of the argument made by Vislawath's counsel, Sujay Kantawalla that the police had already questioned him and he was cooperat-

ing with the officers probing the case. Thus, further custody for interrogation was not required. The bench, however, directed Vislawath to report to the Gamdevi police station on the first Saturday of every month till further orders, and to attend court hearings in the case. Vislawath was arrested and remanded in police custody on September 7 this year for allegedly raping, sexually assaulting and threatening to kill his domestic help. ❧

The circular stated that the SECC 2011 is a study of socioeconomic status of rural and urban households that allows ranking of households based on predefined parameters.

It was conducted under the overall coordination of the Department of Rural Development. The data is based on the 2011 SECC riding over National Population Register demographics.

Households having motorized two, three or four wheeler; fishing boat, mechanized three or four wheeler agricultural equipment, Kisan Credit Card with a credit limit of above Rs 50,000 and in which a member is a government employee and households with non-agricultural enterprises registered with the government are automatically excluded, as per SECC 2011.

The scheme aims to provide a coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family annually, benefiting more than 10.74 crore poor families for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation through a network of empanelled health care providers.

landline phone are also excluded, it said. Households owning more than 2.5 acres of irrigated land with one irrigation equipment, owning five acres or more of irrigated land for two or more crop season, owning at least 7.5 acres of land or more with at least one irrigation equipment are also excluded, according to SECC 2011.

"This study was conducted in 2011, an additional data collection drive was undertaken to update family data. However, there may still be some glaring instances, where some of those who have to be automatically excluded, are figuring in the list of eligible beneficiaries," the circular said.

There also could be families with one or more members as government employees or elected representative, it said.

"In such cases, states are advised to authorise the district collectors/ district magistrates or deputy commissioners to exclude such beneficiaries from the eligible list. P71

New Delhi: The Army put an end to the mayhem during the 2002 Gujarat riots within 48 hours (March 4) by "resolute, firm and fair action", says retired Lt. General Zameer Uddin Shah in his upcoming memoir, but holds the "bias" and "politicisation" of the police responsible for the uncontrolled violence.

"The partisan attitude of police lay exposed when I observed that when minority-populated localities were sur-

rounded by mobs, the police did not fire at the rioters laying siege, but into windows of surrounded homes of minorities, instead ostensibly to "keep the two rioting communities apart", as sheepishly explained to me," Shah says, adding that the police, initially armed with "lathis", were passive bystanders since orders for issue of rifles had not been given.

quelling the riots, even challenges the "official figures of deaths and damage" and maintains in the memoir "The Sarkari Mussalman", a copy of which is with IANS, that they "do not reflect a true picture of the actual extent of the carnage".

The book is being published by Konark Publishers, and will be launched on October 13 at the India International Centre here by former Vice President Hamid Ansari.

Mentioning that he expressed his disapproval at the "contemptible and partisan attitude" of the police, Shah states that they stood as passive bystanders while the "mob was setting fire on streets and houses".

There was tardy reaction of the civil administration, according to him and selective imposition of curfews, which indicated partiality and politicisation. IANS

Pune: Two Central Railways (CR) employees, including a junior engineer, were arrested Saturday in connection with the hoarding frame collapse incident in which four people were killed and five others injured, police said.

The tragic incident took place Friday afternoon when a 40-feet hoisting metal frame collapsed on vehicle which had stopped at Shahir Anwar Shaikh Chowk traffic signal near Pune Railway Station. Five auto-rickshaws, a two-wheeler and a car were damaged in the collapse.

"We have arrested one San Singh, a junior engineer of the Central Railways and his assistant, identified as Pandurang Wanare, who works as a 'lohar' (blacksmith) in the Railways in connection with the Friday's incident.

"They have been arrested under the IPC section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder)," said Jayashree Gaikwad, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Lashkar Division). The giant hoarding was being

came crashing down, Deputy Commissioner of Police P Singh had said.

The deceased were identified as Shamrao Kasar (70), Shamrao Dhotre (48), Shivaji Pardeshi (40) and Javed Khan (40).

On late Friday night, a case was registered against the railway officials, contractor and his workers who had been given the responsibility to dismantle the structure.

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate said Saturday it has attached assets worth Rs 5.4 crore in connection with its probe in an alleged Rs 5,700-crore bank loan fraud case linked to a Gujarat-based pharmaceutical company.

The attached immovable properties, one each in Faridabad and Gurgaon, belong to Delhi-based businessman Gagan Dhawan, who was arrested by the ED and is out on bail

dodara-based firm Sterling Biotech Limited and others on October 27 last year, two days after a case of bank fraud of Rs 5,700 crore and corruption was filed against them by the CBI.

"Dhawan is accused of assisting and facilitating Nitin and Chetan Sandesara, directors and promoters of Sterling Biotech group, who are accused in the said bank loan fraud case," the central probe agency said in a statement. Investigation has revealed

that Rs 5.4 crore was diverted from loan funds by Sandersara brothers and others and were subsequently given to Dhawan, it said.

"Dhawan utilised these proceeds of crime to purchase and develop the said attached properties," it said. The businessman, it said, was "actively involved in the offence of money laundering." The agency is set to file a fresh, supplementary chargesheet in this case detailing the role of the Sandesara brothers. It has also notified the Interpol to obtain global arrest warrant against them as they have left the country for an undisclosed location, with reports suggesting their location to be either in the UAE or Nigeria. The ED has filed a few chargesheets, called prosecution complaints, in this case in the past against other accused, including Dhawan. ■

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Cong plays vote bank politics, creates doubt and fear: Modi

At Ajmer Rally, PM Blames Opposition Party For Telling Lies

Ajmer: In a scathing attack Saturday on the Congress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused it of practising vote bank politics, telling lies and creating doubt and fear in the minds of people.

Modi made the charge here at a rally, where Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje also announced free electricity up to a specific limit for farmers with general category power connections. The meeting ended just ahead of the Election Commission announcement in New Delhi of Assembly poll dates for Rajasthan and four other states. The EC's model code of conduct for political parties then kicked in.

Modi said vote bank politics is not limited to elections now, but is destroying the "entire system".

The prime minister said parties which follow vote bank politics divide the bureaucracy when they come into power, appointing officials who fit into their scheme. "They allocate the budget as per vote bank politics and therefore overall development does not happen," he said.

"The Congress has established this tradition in the past 60 years," Modi said. "With great difficulty, the country has picked the right direction now after 60 years. Don't give them another chance." The meeting on the outskirts of Ajmer was scheduled to mark the end of Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje's 'Gaurav



The Prime Minister said his government has fulfilled the promise of enhancing the minimum support price of farm produce

Rath Yatra', an outreach exercise by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party which is pitted against the Congress in the poll-bound state.

Modi said he was for a strong opposition in a healthy democracy, but a set of people had not only failed in the government but also as opposition.

"Why is the Congress not fighting elections on facts? Why are they indulging in spreading lies?" he said, charging the opposition of avoiding discussion on issues related to development.

"All they are interested in is telling lies, creating doubt and fear," he said, accusing the opposition of "manufacturing lies".

"You live in a world of lies," he said.

Modi said the Congress enjoyed "playing games" di-

viding Hindus and Muslims, the backward and the forward castes, and the rural and the urban.

While the others believed in dividing society, the BJP is for uniting it, he said. The prime minister said his government worked on the principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' (development for all).

Modi said Congress leaders are busy serving one family, which is their high command. "They do not have time to come to state assembly to raise issues concerning the people of the state, and development issues," he said.

He also accused the party of playing "low-level" politics, criticising its leaders for questioning the Army's surgical strikes across the Line of Control two years ago and "insulting" Indian soldiers.

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announcement of the polling dates for Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Telangana.

Rajasthan will go to the polls on December 7. Counting will take place in all five states on December 11, the Election Commission has announced.

The Prime Minister said his government has fulfilled the promise of enhancing the minimum support price of farm produce.

He also mentioned the increase in maternity leave and the government's decision to bring in a Bill in Parliament against triple talaq.

"We are against any discrimination," he said. Women, whether Hindus or Muslim, are equal, he added.

He referred to the enactment of a law allowing death penalty to those convicted of raping children.

The Prime Minister further said his government had worked to provide electricity to every village in the country. **PM**

In MP, Shah tells Rahul to give account of work done by family

Indore: Sounding the poll bugle in Madhya Pradesh, BJP chief Amit Shah on Saturday asked Congress president Rahul Gandhi to give account of work done by "four generations" of his family instead of questioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi's performance.

Shah launched the state Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) mass contact campaign in the Malwa-Nimad region of the poll-bound state from here on Saturday ahead of the November 28 Assembly elections.

Speaking at a convention of party workers at Dussehra Maidan later, Shah said, "Rahul has been going around Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, asking the prime minister what his government has done in last four and a half years."

"We do not need to answer you. But the people of the country are asking you to give the account of (work done by) your four generations," he added.

Successive Congress governments failed to fulfil the 40-year-old demand of One Rank-One Pension, while the Modi government implemented the scheme and gave a benefit worth Rs 10,000 crore to retired soldiers, he said.

"Your governments did not provide adequate price for food grains to farmers. Farmers were demanding this for the last 70 years," he said. **PM**

Rajasthan govt to provide free electricity to farmers to 'increase their earnings'

Jaipur: The Rajasthan government has launched a scheme to provide free electricity to farmers having general category connections, Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje said Saturday.

Addressing a public rally on the culmination of her Rajasthan Gaurav Yatra, the chief minister said the scheme launched on Friday would help increase the income of farmers.

"I want to announce that the government yesterday had started a scheme of free electricity for all farmers in rural areas having electricity connection in general category for specific limit," she said.

Raje said the electricity infrastructure in the state was in bad shape when she came to power, adding that the government turned the situation around by infusing nearly Rs 4,000 crore.

She said currently, domestic power was available for 20-22 hours a day.

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Model code of conduct kicks in five states

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Responding to a question, he defended the decision to have two phases, saying in the past too, voters, political leaders and security personnel have been targeted by Naxals and it was necessary to have polls in multiple phases.

The model code of conduct, which bars the ruling party and even other parties from disturbing level playing field, came into force in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Mizoram immediately.

The term of the Madhya Pradesh assembly is ending on January 7, Rajasthan on January 20, Chhattisgarh of January 5 and Mizoram on December 15.

After a recent EC decision to impose model code immediately in states where assemblies are dissolved prematurely, Telangana is already under the poll code. The term of its assembly was to end in June, 2019.

Much is at stake in the polls in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan as the BJP and the Congress are in a direct contest in the three states after the saffron party had trounced its arch-rival in 2013 and then gone to decimate it in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls as well. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and its president Amit Shah, the BJP has since 2014 got better of the Congress in every major state polls where both were the main rivals.

In 2013, the BJP had won 165, 163 and 49 seats Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh assemblies respectively, with the Congress securing 58, 21 and 39 seats. The corresponding strength of these assemblies are 230, 200 and 90. **PM**

'PM put pressure on EC to delay press conference'

Kolkata/New Delhi: The Congress Saturday alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "put pressure" on the Election Commission (EC) to delay its press conference to announce poll dates in five states as he was scheduled to address a rally in Rajasthan, a claim rubbished by the poll panel chief. Chief Election Commissioner O P Rawat said in Delhi that the EC does not work under pressure and listed three reasons for the nearly three-hour delay in giving out the schedule.

In Kolkata, senior Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala accused the prime minister of "putting pressure" on the EC to delay its press conference. He also said the CEC's explanation is "preposterous" and wondered whether BJP is the "super EC".

The EC was set to hold a press conference at 12.30 pm but had rescheduled it subsequently to 3.00 pm.

The five states where Assembly polls will be held in November-December are Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana.

"There is no pressure ... EC does not work under pressure ... if someone thinks concessions have been made, they are free to complain," Rawat told reporters in New Delhi.

On shifting of the press conference's timing, the CEC listed three reasons - last-minute assessment of



Chief Election Commissioner O P Rawat said in New Delhi that the EC does not work under any pressure

timeline for publication of Telangana electoral rolls, a high court direction that Telangana electoral rolls be shown to it before final publication and request from a state to delay bypolls due to possibility of bad weather.

Responding to a series of questions on Congress' accusation regarding postponing of the press conference, Rawat said, "Politicians are political creatures and they have to see politics in everything. We have no comments."

He explained that the electoral rolls being punched into the system was proving to be a problem in Telangana and the engineers from C-DAC were on the spot to help personnel using the system.

Now, the final publication of electoral roll will be made on October 12 instead of October 8.

He said keeping in mind the delay in publication of electoral rolls, Telangana polls have been kept at the "tag end" of the schedule so that preparations are not affected.

Telangana and Rajasthan will have elections in a single phase on December 7. He said EC officials will visit Telangana and Mizoram in the coming days, though usually such visits take place before announcement of poll schedule. Rawat said EC's team of officials had already been to the state and the poll panel was satisfied that elections can be held there.

However, Surjewala was not impressed with the CEC's reply. "The EC's explanation for the delay is preposterous. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is guilty of pressuring the EC to delay its press conference as he was scheduled to address a rally. The EC was made to wait for Modi's rally," he told reporters.

The prime minister addressed a public rally at Ajmer. Surjewala also said that the EC had done a similar thing while announcing poll dates for Gujarat last year. "But both the BJP and the EC should remember that such tactics won't bear any results and the people of Rajasthan and India won't give in to any sort of allurements as they have made up their mind against the anti-people BJP government," he said. **PM**

BJP works for rich, Cong for poor: Rahul

Morena (MP): Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Saturday accused the ruling BJP of working for the interest of a few rich people and ignoring the farmers and other sections of the society.

He also raked up the multi-billion Rafale fighter jet deal with France to attack Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Gandhi said his party will ensure implementation of the tribal rights bill if voted to power in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, which go to polls in November and December. "If you want to help out the rich, do it, but also help the farmers and other poor sections of the society. If Rs 3 lakh crore of the rich can be written off, then why not give such concessions to farmers and poor sections of the society?" he asked.

Speaking at an event organised by a tribal organisation, Adivasi Ekta Parishad, here, he said, "The tribal bill is not a gift, but right of the tribal people. The tribal people must have their rights over land, water and forests." The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, is a key piece of forest legislation passed when the Congress-led UPA was in power at the Centre.

Also called the tribal bill, it concerns the rights of forest dwellers to land and other resources denied to them due to colonial forest law. **PM**

'Clear format for candidates to advertise criminal records'

New Delhi: The Election Commission (EC) is planning to implement in the five poll-bound states the Supreme Court's recent direction asking all candidates to advertise their criminal records before contesting elections.

"We have suggested changes in the form of affidavit to the Law Ministry based on the Supreme Court order on decriminalising politics," Chief Election Commissioner O P Rawat said Saturday.

He said the changes will be made applicable. Candidates as well as parties will have to advertise three times in print as well as electronic media about the criminal records, Rawat said.

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The Legislative Department in the Law Ministry, which is the nodal agency for EC, will go through the format. The Legal Affairs Department will also flag lacunae, if any, in the planned format, sources in the ministry said.

Once the format clears legal vetting, the poll panel will notify its use.

There is already a format

in which candidates declare their criminal antecedents, assets and liabilities before the returning officer. The commission puts it online.

The Election Commission on Saturday announced the much anticipated assembly elections in states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Telangana in November-December. **PM**

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COURT ROOM NO.22
SEBI SPECIAL CASE NO. 253 OF 2015

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Complainant
V/s.

M/s. Vasundhara Farms and Plantations Pvt. Accused No. 1

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE
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Proclamation is hereby made that the abovementioned accused in the above case is required to appear in the court of Sessions for Greater Bombay in Court Room No. 22 to answer the said complaint on the 23rd day of October, 2018.

Sd/- (V.C. BARDE)
SEBI SPECIAL JUDGE,
City Civil & Sessions Court
Greater Bombay, C.R.NO. 22

Given under my hand and seal of this court.
Dated this 12th Day of June, 2018.

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V/s.

Mr. Ramesh Mangal Accused No. 2

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PROCLAMATION O.W. NO. 22201/2018
DATE: 29 AUG 2018

**IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS GREATER BOMBAY
CORAM: HIS HONOUR SEBI SPECIAL JUDGE
SHRI. V.C. BARDE**

COURT ROOM NO.22
SEBI SPECIAL CASE NO. 184 OF 2014

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Complainant
V/s.

Ms. Alka Shah Accused No. 3

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE
OF AN ACCUSED PERSON:**

WHEREAS Complaint has been made before me that the abovenamed accused Ms. Alka Shah, Accused No. 3, residing at IOL House, Near Swati Apartment, Opp. Central Bank Lane, Ambawadi Bazar, Ahmedabad, has committed the offence punishable under section 24 r/w Sec. 26 of Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, and a warrant of Arrest against the abovenamed accused has been returned unexecuted with the endorsement that the abovenamed accused in the above case cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the abovenamed accused in the above case has absconded or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said Warrant.

Proclamation is hereby made that the abovementioned accused in the above case is required to appear in the court of Sessions for Greater Bombay in Court Room No. 22 to answer the said complaint on the 10th day of October, 2018.

Sd/- (V.C. BARDE)
SEBI SPECIAL JUDGE,
City Civil & Sessions Court
Greater Bombay, C.R.NO. 22

Given under my hand and seal of this court.
Dated this 24th Day of August, 2018.

PROCLAMATION O.W. NO. 22202/2018
DATE: 29 AUG 2018

**IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS GREATER BOMBAY
CORAM: HIS HONOUR SEBI SPECIAL JUDGE
SHRI. V.C. BARDE**

COURT ROOM NO.22
SEBI SPECIAL CASE NO. 184 OF 2014

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Complainant
V/s.

Mr. Dharmendra Barot Accused No. 4

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE
OF AN ACCUSED PERSON:**

WHEREAS Complaint has been made before me that the abovenamed accused Mr. Dharmendra Barot, Accused No. 4, residing at IOL House, Near Swati Apartment, Opp. Central Bank Lane, Ambawadi Bazar, Ahmedabad, has committed the offence punishable under section 24 r/w Sec. 26 of Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, and a warrant of Arrest against the abovenamed accused has been returned unexecuted with the endorsement that the abovenamed accused in the above case cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the abovenamed accused in the above case has absconded or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said Warrant.

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Dated this 24th Day of August, 2018.

Brought transparency in three months: Tripura CM

Kolkata: Tripura CM Biplab Deb Saturday said he brought transparency in three and a half months. When he took over six months ago, Deb said, Tripura was in a debt of Rs 11,500. **PTI**

Kolhapur Municipal Corporation, Kolhapur
Tender No- 51
Corrigendum for Kolhapur Municipal eGovernance Application (K-MeGA)

All the bidders are notified that, the corrigendum for the tender with Tender ID : 2018_KMC_350390_1, have been published on <https://mahatenders.gov.in> portal. For more details please visit <https://mahatenders.gov.in>. All other terms conditions of the tender remains the same. **Sd/- Commissioner Kolhapur Municipal Corporation**

RESEARCH DESIGNS AND STANDARDS ORGANIZATION
Manak Nagar, Lucknow-226011
CORRIGENDUM

This corrigendum is with reference to earlier published Global Notice for Expression of Interest (EOI) related to "Global (EOI) for inviting firms/organization having proven long life painting system for steel girder bridges on World Railways" by Ministry of Railways, Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO), Lucknow.

This corrigendum is being done to extend the date of submission of offer of EOI as indefinitely (open ended).

Correction
"on or before 03.10.2018 till 15:00 hrs" may please be read as "date extended till further advice (open ended)".

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Government of Odisha
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE
1st CORRIGENDUM TO BID IDENTIFICATION NO.
SEJC (R&B) 7/2018-19 Dated. 28.09.2018

Name of the Work : Improvement to Sagar to Jalaput Road from 9/500 to 13/182 Km in the District of Koraput for the year 2018-19 (Under State Plan).

The Unit for the above mentioned work in the Bill of Quantity in Item No. 37. (SI No.39) may be read as One Sqm in place of One Cum.

All the other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Jeyapore (R&B) Circle, Jeyapore

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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-I

The pre-bid clarification, revised Price-Bid and amendments in Qualifying Criteria of the E-Tender for "Underground cable laying work for 220 KV Puhana-Pirankaliyer Transmission Line" against tender specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/TL-03/2018-19 has been uploaded on e-tender website and the last date of submission of E-Tender is hereby extended upto 27.10.2018 13:00 Hrs. For more details please visit e-tender website www.tenderwizard.com/PTCUL and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-9359172436, +91-7895458286.

पत्रांक: 1020HQP/PTCUL/A-2
दिनांक: 05 अक्टूबर, 2018

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)
"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CASH & ACCOUNTS-II

**NOTICE TO NATIONALIZED BANKS FOR INVESTMENT OF
DETAILED BELOW THREE RESPECTIVE AMOUNTS IN SEPARATE
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2. Rs. 85,88,48,750/- (Rupees Eighty Five Crore Eighty Eight Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty), AND,
3. Rs. 30,00,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Crore only)

Interested Nationalized Banks are requested to quote in sealed cover, the highest rate of interest for these respective deposits in accordance with the prescribed format and hand over personally to the undersigned upto 5.00 p.m. on 10.10.2018. No offer will be accepted after 5.00 p.m. For more details, prescribed format and instructions, log on to www.supremecourtindia.nic.in

Sd/-
(P.S.N. MURTHY)
Assistant Registrar-cum-
Drawing & Disbursing Officer,
Supreme Court of India

Date: 04.10.2018

PROCLAMATION O.W. NO. 17636/2018
DATE: 07 JUL 2018

**IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS GREATER BOMBAY
CORAM: HIS HONOUR SEBI SPECIAL JUDGE
SHRI. V.C. BARDE**

COURT ROOM NO.22
SEBI SPECIAL CASE NO. 253 OF 2015

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Complainant
V/s.

Mr. Salil Vaidya Accused No. 3

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE
OF AN ACCUSED PERSON:**

WHEREAS Complaint has been made before me that the abovenamed accused Mr. Salil Vaidya, Accused No. 3, residing at 1/78, 1100 Qtrs, Arera Colony, Bhopal, has committed the offence punishable under section U/sec. 200 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 r/w Sec. 24(1), 27 of Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, and a warrant of Arrest against the abovenamed accused has been returned unexecuted with the endorsement that the abovenamed accused in the above case cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the abovenamed accused in the above case has absconded or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said Warrant.

Proclamation is hereby made that the abovementioned accused in the above case is required to appear in the court of Sessions for Greater Bombay in Court Room No. 22 to answer the said complaint on the 23rd day of October, 2018.

Sd/- (V.C. BARDE)
SEBI SPECIAL JUDGE,
City Civil & Sessions Court
Greater Bombay, C.R.NO. 22

Given under my hand and seal of this court.
Dated this 12th Day of June, 2018.

PROCLAMATION O.W. NO. 22202/2018
DATE: 29 AUG 2018

**IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS GREATER BOMBAY
CORAM: HIS HONOUR SEBI SPECIAL JUDGE
SHRI. V.C. BARDE**

COURT ROOM NO.22
SEBI SPECIAL CASE NO. 184 OF 2014

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Complainant
V/s.

Mr. Gaurav Shah Accused No. 7

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE
OF AN ACCUSED PERSON:**

WHEREAS Complaint has been made before me that the abovenamed accused Mr. Gaurav Shah, Accused No. 7, residing at IOL House, Near Swati Apartment, Opp. Central Bank Lane, Ambawadi Bazar, Ahmedabad, has committed the offence punishable under section 24 r/w Sec. 26 of Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, and a warrant of Arrest against the abovenamed accused has been returned unexecuted with the endorsement that the abovenamed accused in the above case cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the abovenamed accused in the above case has absconded or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said Warrant.

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City Civil & Sessions Court
Greater Bombay, C.R.NO. 22

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Dated this 24th Day of August, 2018.

Jaitley disagrees with SC's Sabarimala verdict

Says One Cannot Be Selective In Targeting A Practice

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In the midst of protests by some groups in Kerala against the Supreme Court ruling striking down the ban on women of menstrual age from entering Sabarimala Temple, senior BJP leader and Union minister Arun Jaitley on Saturday said courts could not be selective in targeting one practice and must be uniform in looking at practices of all faiths.

"If you want to take a progressive step, Articles 14 and 21 (of the Constitution) will apply against all religions," Jaitley said at the HT Leadership Summit here.

"It cannot happen that you select a practice and apply it because that will have many many social consequences in a pluralist society like India. If you start stepping into the religious practices and customs and say Article 14 must be tested on personal law ... then will



People with Lord Ayyappa picture held silent protest on women's entry to Sabarimala Temple in Bengaluru on Saturday

it apply to polygamy? Will it apply to oral divorces? will it apply to other religions where women are not allowed to enter religious places?" he asked.

Jaitley's view is seen as BJP's stand on the issue after RSS contested the SC's decision to overturn the tradition of not allowing women in the age group of 10-50 years from entering the shrine while favouring a review of the court's order.

The minister's comments also came in the backdrop of the government recently coming up with an ordinance to criminalise triple talaq (instant divorce) as the bill hit a road block in Rajya Sabha in the face of opposition's reservations.

"If you are being progressive and bold then it must be uniformly so and that doesn't seem to be happening," he said.

Jaitley, considered one of

the top legal minds in the country, also didn't agree with portions of SC's recent judgements on gay sex (Section 377) and adultery.

In the case of adultery, he clarified that the quashing the law was in order, but it was "very badly worded". He said the court went a step further when it said these are personal wrongs and not public wrongs and therefore outside the criminal law. "Now will it cover bigamy and polygamy also? Will it cover cruelty? Will it cover dowry offences - if this was the case, the judgement would be wholly anti women," he said.

He said the judgement may change the Indian family system into a western family system where fragility of marriages may increase. And because India does not have the kind of social security systems the West has, it could actually be anti-women and even lead to their destitution, he said.

Kejri: Oppose change in power law

New Delhi: Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal Saturday said he has written to his counterparts of different states seeking support to stall the proposed amendments by the BJP-led central government to the Electricity Act, 2003 in the Rajya Sabha.

Kejriwal said that he will travel to different states from next week to meet respective chief ministers and convince them to stand together to stall the bill so that it is not passed before the Lok Sabha elections. "I have written to CMs of different states on the dangers of the proposed amendment and how it will break the back of the common man. I have urged them to stand against the proposed amendments," he said. **PTI**

Revisit 2017 promotion policy, tribunal tells Army

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Armoured Corps.

Chandigarh: In an order that will have wide ramifications, the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) has directed Army headquarters to revisit its December 2017 promotion policy. The tribunal held that a subsequence policy can't take away the rights an officer accrued under an existing policy.

The order is expected to shield officers from "arbitrary retrospective application" of fresh promotion policies, that results in changing goalposts midway.

The order was passed on October 5 and was made available on Saturday. AFT's principal bench of chairperson Justice Virender Singh and member Lt Gen Sanjiv Chandra, passed these orders when allowing a petition by Major General V K Singh of

Maj Gen Singh was due for promotion to the rank of Lt Gen in October 2017 but was not promoted over adverse remarks in his confidential reports.

He had represented his case before the higher authorities who expunged the remarks after which his case was to be considered for promotion by a special review board.

In the meantime, army headquarters issued a fresh policy in December 2017 stating there would be only one promotion board in a year that would look at special review cases. In his case, the officer contended he was to be considered under the guidelines applicable in October 2017 because his case was a 'review' of the original board and if the new guidelines are applied, he

would retire before being promoted.

Accepting his plea, the tribunal held that since the wrong had now been corrected, he was to be considered as a 'fresh' review case based on October 2017 policy. The tribunal has held his "position cannot be altered by any new policy" that could place him at a "disadvantageous position because of any implication of the new policy would be highly discriminatory and thus violative of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution".

The tribunal also directed government to declassify the result prior to Singh's retirement on November 30, 2018, based on vacancies for his original batch. It has also rejected the state's contention that the tribunal cannot test validity or vires of policies issued by government.

Captain Kohli goes vegan, feels it has made him stronger

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Kohli's current diet revolves mainly around protein shakes, vegetables and soya

He used to be chubby-faced with a special fondness for biryani, but fitness-obsessed Virat Kohli's remarkable transformation continues with the Indian cricket captain now having decided to turn vegan.

TOI has learnt that the Delhi-born cricketer decided to stay away from animal protein almost four months ago and feels it has benefited his game. Kohli's current diet revolves mainly around protein shakes, vegetables and soya. He has completely given up eggs and dairy products.

has increased. He isn't missing meat, eggs or dairy products," sources said, insisting Kohli's diet has had a calming effect on his temperament.

Kohli's wife, actor Anushka Sharma, too turned vegetarian around the same time but Kohli had planned the change well in advance.

"This isn't a decision which is out of the blue. Two years ago, when he was on a normal diet, he had said that he would go vegan if given a choice. For the last few years, he has worked on alternative diet plans, finally turning vegan. He is feeling stronger than before," sources said.

"Kohli started this diet four months ago and is feeling stronger than before because his digestive power

2023 set to be celebrated as International Year of Millets

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New Delhi: Acting on India's proposal, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations has agreed to celebrate 'International Year of Millets' in 2023.

The idea behind the move is to create awareness and inspire all stakeholders to work towards improving production and productivity of the climate-resilient and nutritious crop across the globe. The decision was taken in the ongoing session of the FAO's Committee on Agriculture in Rome on late Thursday evening. The committee endorsed India's proposal and decided to slot it for the year 2023.

"India's prominence in agriculture diplomacy comes to the fore as the FAO Committee on Agriculture endorses India's proposal to celebrate 'International Year of Millets' in 2023. I express my deepest gratitude to the FAO," said Union agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh.

The proposal will now be



The millets mela is promoting use of millets as daily staple

cleared by the FAO Council in December. Since the international years are observed by the UN, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) will finally adopt it before formal declaration.

These are, however, procedural formalities now. "The committee on agriculture first discussed it with an option to slot it for 2026. But, Indian representative could convince the panel to place it early so that it can at least fall within the UN 'Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025'. So, it's now slotted for 2023," said an offi-

cial who has been following the development.

India, which celebrates 2018 as 'National Year of Millets', had in April notified these cereals as 'nutri-cereals' and allowed its inclusion in the public distribution system (PDS) for improving nutritional support.

Recognising millets' anti-diabetic properties, the notification called it a "powerhouse of nutrients" and identified several varieties of millets for promotion. The millets in the category of "Nutri-Cereals" include sorghum (jowar), pearl mil-

let (Bajra), finger millet (ragi), foxtail millet (kangani/kakun) and buckwheat (kuttu) among others.

Later in July, the government had substantially hiked the minimum support price (MSP) of millets so that more and more farmers may opt for cultivation of these less water consuming crops.

Nutritionally superior to wheat and rice due to their higher levels of protein with more balanced amino acid profile, crude fibre and minerals such as iron, zinc, and phosphorus, millets can provide nutritional security and act as a shield against nutritional deficiency, especially among children and women.

According to the International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), over 500 million people in more than 30 countries depend on sorghum as a staple food. However, in the past 50 years, these grains have largely been abandoned in favour of more popular crops like maize, wheat, rice and soybeans.

Firm responsible for contamination of polio vaccine a repeat offender

Faced Action For Supplying Substandard Typhoid Vaccine Earlier

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New Delhi: The Ghaziabad based pharmaceutical company Biomed Pvt Ltd responsible for contamination of around 1.5 lakh polio vaccine vials with type 2 virus seems to be a repeat offender. The firm had faced regulatory action earlier this year too for supplying substandard typhoid vaccine.

On March 14 this year, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) issued a notice to all state drug authorities asking them to withdraw certain batches of typhoid vaccine manufactured by Biomed. "The vaccine had failed to qualify quality tests and were found to be not of standard quality (NSQ) by the Central Drug Laboratory (CDL), Kasauli. We immediately ordered recall of the vaccine and issued an alert to

the company as well," a regulatory official told TOI.

Biomed is also not certified by the World Health Organisation. WHO pre-qualification is usually considered a benchmark for good manufacturing practices, especially in case of vaccines, and is mandatory for supplying vaccine to UN programmes and even for exporting to most countries. Though not mandatory under the rule book, it often is also a requirement for local suppliers too, officials said.

However, Biomed was supplying polio vaccine only for government's universal immunisation programme. It was also supplying typhoid vaccine for the same.

All the contracts of the company have now been suspended after the latest contamination of polio vaccine with type 2 virus came to



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light. Many experts have questioned the government's due diligence while procuring vaccines from a company with such a record. However, officials maintain that with limited budget it may be difficult for procurement teams to obtain supplies from WHO pre-qualified or US FDA approved companies and plants.

Last month, some batches of oral polio vaccine manu-

factured by Biomed were found to be contaminated with polio type 2 virus — a strain which has been eradicated worldwide, including in India. The government had then initiated preventive measures, lodged an FIR and arrested the managing director of the company.

The health ministry has appointed a three-member team to probe the case. "The team has inspected

Biomed's factory through this week and samples have been sent to CDL Kasauli for testing. A report will take some time," an official said.

Type 2 polio strain was withdrawn worldwide including in India in April 2016. India, in line with WHO guidelines, had then ordered destruction of all trivalent oral polio vaccine (OPV) stocks containing type 2. Under a national plan, it switched to bivalent OPV containing only type 1 and type 3 strains.

The contamination was first suspected when surveillance reports from Uttar Pradesh showed signs of the virus in stool samples of some children. Following these reports, samples of OPV vaccines were lifted by drug inspectors and sent for testing to CDL in Kasauli, which later confirmed the contamination.

Wild bear kills man, hurts wife in Odisha

A tribal man was killed and his wife seriously injured in an attack by a wild bear in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district Saturday, officials said. The couple were attacked by the wild bear inside the Gouria Bahali forest of the district, said forest range officer, Pitambar Sethi. While Dharani Ho (45), died in the bear attack, his wife Balma Ho (40) received grievous injuries. PTI



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People's Protection Bill not like NRC: Manipur CM

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh Saturday said the Manipur People's Protection Bill will not stop anyone from settling down in the state, and it is not similar to the National Register of Citizens (NRC). PTI

Elgar Parishad case: Court adjourns activists' bail plea hearings to Oct 10

Pune: Additional sessions judge K D Vadane here on Saturday adjourned the hearing of the bail applications of activists Surendra Gadling and Shoma Sen in the Elgar Parishad case to October 10.

The court directed the city police to file their written sub-

missions on the bail applications moved recently by other activists, Sudha Bharadwaj, Arun Ferreira and Vernon Gonsalves, on the next date of hearing. The three, along with activists P Varavara Rao and Gautam Navlakha, were arrested on August 28.

Barring Navlakha, the remaining four are under house arrest following the Supreme Court's judgment of September 28 which extended the interim relief to enable them to exercise other remedies under the law. The Apex court had then refused to constitute

a SIT to probe the case and allowed the Pune police to continue with their investigation. On October 1, the Delhi high court ended Navlakha's house arrest. The Maharashtra government has moved the SC against the relief granted to Navlakha.

Investigating officer Shivaji Pawar produced Gadling, Sen and three other activists, Rona Wilson, Sudhir Dhawale and Mahesh Raut, before judge Vadane on Saturday afternoon. The police had arrested these five activists on June 6. Vishwas Kothari

'Need nat'l policy to tackle drug menace'

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Saturday alleged that Pakistan was "pushing" drugs through Indian borders to destroy the youth in the northern states as he called for a national policy to tackle the menace. He also expressed concern over the erosion of the states powers, leading to a weakening of the Centre-state relations in the federal structure of the country. PTI

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Habitat Centre, Sector 64, Phase X, Mohali - 160062, Punjab

"Advanced Techniques in Nano Science and Technology" from 03rd - 08th December 2018
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Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST) invites applications from M.Sc/M.Tech and Ph.D students and Young Faculty (Natural Sciences/Engineering/Agricultural Sciences) belonging to Schedule Tribes category to participate in the workshop entitled "Advanced Techniques in Nano Science and Technology. For details, candidate may visit institute website: (http://inst.ac.in/ST_outreach.php)

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पत्रांक: 261/03(16)/डीओआर/डिजी/सेवा-02/2017-18
दिनांक: 05 अक्टूबर, 2018

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NOTIFICATION (DATE EXTENSION)
Subject: Extension of time for applying for application for Non-Faculty Posts (Group 'A' & 'B') on Deputation Basis at AIIMS, Jodhpur-Reg.

This is with reference to Recruitment Non-Faculty Posts (Group 'A' & 'B') at AIIMS Jodhpur on Deputation Basis Vide Advertisement No. AIIMS. JDH/Admn/RECT/Deputation/01/2018 Dated 18th August, 2018. The Date of submission of application is extended upto 31st October, 2018.

Notification of Date Extension is uploaded on our website: <http://www.aiimsjodhpur.edu.in>.
SD/-
Administrative Officer

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
VARDHMAN MAHAVIR MEDICAL COLLEGE & SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL
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No: 2-2/MLT (Voc) Appr./2018 **DATE:- 27/9/18**
Subject:- MLT (Voc.) Apprenticeship Course session 2018-19

The Medical Superintendent, Safdarjung Hospital & VMM College, New Delhi invites applications for **MLT (Vocational) Apprenticeship Course** in the department of Pathology of this institution, from all the eligible candidates, who have passed 10+2 with Vocational MLT from CBSE or Intermediate with Vocational MLT as a subject. The prescribed format for applying along with the detail of number of seats, eligibility criteria, course duration, date for commencement of course, date of counselling, other terms & conditions, list of eligible candidates and list of selected candidates will be available on the official website www.vmmc-sjh.nic.in. Candidates are requested to visit official website of this institution at regular interval for all further notifications.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER Date 05.10.2018

E-Tender are invited on behalf of the Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh for supplying of following items/ Services at AIIMS Rishikesh:-

Tender No.	Description	Date & time of Pre bid meeting	Last date & time of submission of bid
09/SE/Civil/2018-19	Construction of Dietary Service building.	17-10-2018 upto 03:00 PM.
16/SE/Civil/2018-19	Construction of Landscape Design, maps, implementation of scheme and upgradation of Horticulture work.	22-10-2018 upto 03:00 PM.
17/SE/Civil/2018-19	Construction of Nursing station at ICU ward and General Medicine Ward.	22-10-2018 upto 03:00 PM.
24/IT/452/2018 - Rish (Admn)	Rate Contract for LIS Interfacing and Integration with NIC's e Hospital.	16-10-2018 03:00 PM	30-10-2018 till 03:00 PM.
24/Neonatology/453/2018-Rish (Admn)	Rate Contract for Advanced Complete in line blood and IV fluid warmer.	17-10-2018 03:00 PM	31-10-2018 till 03:00 PM.

For detailed description & Schedule for tender, the tender documents may be seen & downloaded from the website: www.aiimsrishikesh.edu.in. For participation please visit <https://eprocure.gov.in>
Administrative Officer
For & on behalf of AIIMS, Rishikesh.

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Admission to the THSTI-JNU PhD Program for the Academic Year 2018-2019-Winter Session
Recruitment Notice No. THS/RN/19/2018

Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) is part of the inter-disciplinary Biotech Science Cluster at Faridabad in the National Capital Region. THSTI is designed to be a dynamic and interactive organization with a mission to conduct innovative translational research across disciplines and professions to accelerate the development of concepts into products to improve human health. THSTI is a recognized R&D institute of the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, offering doctoral programs in biomedical sciences.

Applications are invited for the THSTI-JNU PhD program in biomedical research. Last date for receipt of hardcopy of application along with self-attested copies of documents and application fee is **10th November 2018**. Detailed advertisement is available on THSTI website www.thsti.res.in

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वाणिज्य कर विभाग, उ0प्र0 के अन्तर्गत सांख्यिकी अधिकारी के 12 पदों (विज्ञापन संख्या- 06/2011-12, विभाग संख्या-सेवा- 5/01) के सम्बन्ध में मा0 उच्च न्यायालय के आदेश के अनुक्रम में अवशेष 04 पदों के बयन परिणाम सम्बन्धी पूर्व में दिनांक 28.09.2018 को जारी सूचना के सम्बन्ध में एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उक्त सूचना की प्रथम पंक्ति में लिपिकीय त्रुटिवाश पद नाम सांख्यिकी अधिकारी के स्थान पर सहायक सांख्यिकी अधिकारी अंकित हो गया है। अतः सांख्यिकी अधिकारी पदा जाए तथा परिणाम सम्बन्धी सूचना दिनांक 28 सितम्बर, 2018 को उक्त सीमा तक संशोधित समझा जाए।
संख्या- 02/डीओआर/सेवा-5/2011-12 बृजेन्द्र कुमार द्विवेदी
दिनांक: इलाहाबाद 05 अक्टूबर, 2018 (संयुक्त सचिव)

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समीक्षा अधिकारी/सहायक समीक्षा अधिकारी (प्रौ0) परीक्षा-2017, जो दिनांक 08 अप्रैल 2018 को आयोजित की गयी थी, से सम्बन्धित सामान्य अध्ययन, प्रश्नपत्र के चारों सिरिज (A,B,C तथा D) की प्रश्नपुस्तिकाओं की "उत्तर कुंजी" आयोग की वेबसाइट-uppsc.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 06 अक्टूबर, 2018 से 12 अक्टूबर, 2018 तक उपलब्ध रहेगी। इस सम्बन्ध में अभ्यर्थियों को एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि वे आयोग द्वारा वेबसाइट पर प्रदर्शित "उत्तर कुंजी" को देख लें और यदि कोई विषयगति उन्हें प्रतीत होती है, तो इस सम्बन्ध में अपना प्रत्यावेदन दिये गये प्रारूप पर आयोग को एक बन्द लिफाफे में, जो अंजू कटियार, परीक्षा नियंत्रक, अतिगोपन-1 अनुभाग, उ0प्र0, लोक सेवा आयोग, इलाहाबाद को सम्बोधित हो, डाक द्वारा अथवा आयोग के काउन्टर पर दिनांक 13 अक्टूबर, 2018 के सायं 5.00 बजे तक किसी भी कार्य दिवस में उपलब्ध करा सकते हैं। प्रत्यावेदन प्राप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि 13 अक्टूबर, 2018 है। उक्त तिथि एवं समय के पश्चात् प्राप्त प्रत्यावेदन पर आयोग द्वारा विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।
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Notice Inviting Tender

1. Morter Vortex Mixer, Metal Cutting Saw & Angle Cutter. Please visit <http://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app> & <http://www.ncaor.gov.in>
2. E-Tender for Supply of Beverage, Dairy Products, Dal Items, Basmati Rice, Food items- Cooking Oil & Coconut Oil, Oats, Museli Biscuits, Dry ration Nestle, Top Ramen Chings etc. Please visit <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> & <http://www.ncaor.gov.in>.

Bid Submission End date : 29.10.2018 17:00 Hrs

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584 star tortoises seized

More than 580 Indian star tortoises that were kept here for being smuggled out of the country have been seized and an inter-state gang involved in the illegal practice busted with the arrest of two persons here, officials said in Chennai on Saturday.

Now, IndiGo announces flights to Male, Phuket

Mumbai: Budget carrier IndiGo Saturday announced expansion of its overseas network with the launch of flight services to Male and Phuket from next month.

Male will be connected with Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kochi, while services to Phuket will be operated from Delhi, IndiGo said in a release. IndiGo's announcement comes ahead of GoAir's launch of flight services to the two new destinations in Thailand and Maldives from



EXPANDING NETWORK

next week onwards.

IndiGo has also announced special inaugural fares starting Rs 5,799 for the new flights.

Male will be a daily oper-

ations from Kochi and five-times per week from Mumbai, the airline said, adding that the services on the Bengaluru-Male route will be operated twice a week.

The Delhi-Phuket flight will operate six times in a week, it added. Commenting on the new international services, IndiGo Chief Commercial Officer William Boulter said, "We are pleased to announce Male and Phuket as our 13th and 14th international destination."

Runway goes dark just before flight's landing

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In a major safety lapse, pilots of a Jet Airways aircraft about to land in Indore suddenly saw that the runway and airport had plunged into darkness. They immediately pulled up the aircraft, contacted the air traffic control and then returned to land safely in second attempt 15 minutes later by when the runway lights had come back to life.

This scary episode took place on October 1 when Jet's Boeing 737 (VT-JFG) was flying from Mumbai to Indore as 9W-383. About one nautical mile from touchdown when the aircraft was

just seconds away from touchdown, the pilots found saw to their horror that the runway and airport lights got switched off. The pilots then did a go-around.

Confirming the development, an Airports Authority of India (AAI) senior spokesperson stated: "A go around happened due to runway lights tripping and our switch-over time (to generator) being 10 seconds. The aircraft was on short finals. As per the laid down procedure, the aircraft had to carry a missed approach procedure. We are in the process of changing the switch over time of UPS to one second now."

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

E-Tender Notice No. SIG-WS-CONT-AGC-75 Date: 03.10.2018

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/North Central Railway/Agra for and on behalf of President of India invites "Single Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work:-

E-Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money
SIG-WS-CONT-AGC-75	Work related to shifting of TPWS ballise, LEU's, programming and re-programming in existing working due to shifting of signal locations as per approved ESP in connection of 4 th line work in Mathura Jn.-Palwal section of Agra Cantt. division in North Central Railway.	₹ 70032301.62	₹ 500170/-

Cost of Tender form: ₹10000/- Date of closing Tender: 23.10.2018 Date of completion period from issue of acceptance letter: 18 Months. Tender on line can be 23.10.2018 submitted up to 15:30 Hrs. on. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in.

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CORRIGENDUM-IST TO E-TENDER NOTICE

For previously invited following E-tender notice of this office, the Cost of tender document has been revised as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of Item	Tender Specification No.	Revised Cost of Tender Document including GST (in ₹)
1	PVC Cable 2x6Sq.mm (Armoured)	CCP-I/29/2018-2019	11,800.00
2	Revenue Receipt Book as per format size 6"x12"	CCP-I/30/2018-2019	1,180.00
3	SBM Rolls of size 57mmx58mm of 30 Meter Long on 70GSM paper		
4	Revenue Receipt Book	CCP-I/31/2018-2019	2,360.00
5	LT XLPE AB Cable 3x95+1x70Sq.mm	CCP-I/32/2018-2019	29,500.00
6	LT XLPE AB Cable 3x25+1x25Sq.mm	CCP-I/33/2018-2019	11,800.00
7	13 Meter Long Steel Tubular Pole SP-72 (Bottom Portion hot dip galvanized)	CCP-I/34/2018-2019	11,800.00
8	13 Meter Long Steel Tubular Pole SP-72		
9	11 Meter Long Steel Tubular Pole SP-55	CCP-I/35/2018-2019	11,800.00
10	11 KV XLPE Cable 3x120Sq.mm	CCP-I/36/2018-2019	11,800.00
11	11 KV XLPE Cable 3x240Sq.mm		
12	33 KV XLPE Cable 3x120Sq.mm	CCP-I/37/2018-2019	5,900.00
13	LT XLPE Cable 1x35Sq.mm	CCP-I/38/2018-2019	1,180.00
14	LT XLPE Cable 1x70Sq.mm		
15	G.I. Strip 35x6mm	CCP-I/39/2018-2019	1,180.00

Other terms & conditions will remain same as per original tender notice. For further details, please visit our website www.uktpco.com.

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, SANGAMNER. NOTICE FOR HYBRID ANNUITY MODE [HAM] (ONLINE) TENDER E-Tender Notice No. 52 for 2018-2019 (6th Call) Short Tender Notice

Notice Inviting Bid
E-mail : sangamner.ee@mahapwd.com Phone No. : 02425-225335

Subject : Hybrid Annuity Mode, Package No. NSK-71 :- Upgradation of Roads District border Rajur SH-23 and Rajur Akole Sangamner Road SH-23 and SH-50 Km 205/380 to 233/880 -28.50 Km and 50/200 to 89/300 - 39.100 Dist. Ahmednagar (Bari to Sangamner) and Randha Bhandardara shendi Varanghushi road MDR-19 Km 0/00 to 16/230 Dist. Ahmednagar (Randha fall to Varanghushi) uunder Public Works Division Sangamner.

1. The Government of Maharashtra had entrusted to the Authority the development, maintenance and management of State highways and Major District Roads of State of Maharashtra. The authority had resolved to augment the existing roads in the state of Maharashtra by improvement thereof (The "Project") on "Hybrid Annuity" basis and has decided to carry out the bidding process for selection of (a private entity) as the Bidder to whom the Project may be awarded.

Sr. No.	Hybrid Annuity Mode Package No.	Name of Work	Length (in km)	Estimated Project cost (Rs in Crores)
1	NSK-71	Improvement of District border Rajur SH-23 and Rajur Akole Sangamner Road SH-23 and SH-50 Km 205/380 to 233/880 -28.50 Km and 50/200 to 89/300 -39.100 Dist. Ahmednagar (Bari to Sangamner)	67.60	Rs.137.86
		Improvement of Randha Bhandardara shendi Varanghushi road MDR-19 Km 0/00 to 16/230 Dist. Ahmednagar (Randha fall to Varanghushi) in the State of Maharashtra under MRIP on Hybrid Annuity Mode	16.23	Rs.30.34
				Rs. 168.20

1. All information of e-tendering is available on the following websites / Notice Board
I) <http://www.mahapwd.com> (Informatory Notice) II) <http://mahatenders.gov.in>.
2. The complete bid document can be viewed / downloaded from e-procurement portal from 04/10/2018 to 19/10/2018 (upto 18.00 Hrs. IST). Bid must be submitted online only.
3. The e-procurement portal is given below, <http://mahatenders.gov.in>.
4. **e-Tender Schedule is as given below.**

Sr. No.	Even Description Date	Date
1	Invitation of RFP (NIT) (Download period of online tender)	04.10.2018 at 10.00 Hrs. to 19.10.2018 at 18.00 Hrs.
2	Last date for receiving queries for pre- bid	12.10.2018 upto 11.00 Hrs.
3	Pre-Bid meeting	12.10.2018 at 12.00 Hrs. in the Office of the Chief Engineer P.W. Region, Nashik.
4	Authority response to queries for Pre-Bid Meeting	17.10.2018
5	Physical submission of Bid Security / POA etc. (as per clause 2.11.2 of RFP)	At any of the following places within 72 Hrs. after Bid Lock at office of the 1) Chief Engineer, P.W. Region, Nashik. 2) Superintending Engineer Public Works Circle, Ahmednagar. 3) Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Sangamner.
6	Opening of Technical Bids	On Dt.22.10.2018 at 11.00 Hrs. in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle, Ahmednagar.
7	Declaration of Eligible / Qualified Bidders	25.10.2018
8	Opening of Financial Bids	25.10.2018 from 11.30 Hrs. to 17.55 Hrs.

5. Note:-
a) Bid submitted through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, Bid Security, proof of online payment of cost of bid document, Power of Attorney and joint bidding agreement etc. as specified in Clause 2.11.2 of the RFP shall be submitted physically by the Bidder on or before 22/10/2018 (at 11.00 am. IST). Please note that the Public Works Department reserves the right to accept
b) Other terms and conditions are detailed in online e-tender form. Right to reject any or all online bid of work, without assigning any reasons thereof, are reserved with department.

Outward No./Lekha/ Nivida/ /2018,
Dated / /2018
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Division,
Sangamner.
DGIPR 2018-2019/3430

Annexure I-Newspaper Advertisement

WALK-IN INTERVIEW-ICAR-NBPGR

Walk-in-interview for the temporary and co-terminus post of Junior Research Fellow (one) under DBT-IBSD funded project will be held at ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Pusa Campus, New Delhi on **22nd October, 2018 at 10.00 A.M.** Details are available on www.nbpgr.ernet.in

Admn. Officer

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
Technical Services Division
North Site, Trombay, Mumbai-400 085

Notice Inviting e-Tenders

The Chief Engineer, Technical Services Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, North Site, BARC, Trombay, Mumbai - 400 085, on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tenders on two bid system for following work
NIT No. BARC/TS/D7/2018-19, Name of work : Maintenance of electrical system for the various buildings and providing round the clock operation for Substation and AC plant at Training School Building, BARC, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai; **Estimated cost :** ₹ 1,30,00,000/-; **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,60,000/-; **Period of completion :** 18 months, **Last date and time of submission of bid :** 05.11.2018 (23:59 Hrs.).
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the Website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE or www.barc.gov.in
Contact for assistance / clarifications 24x7 @ 9969395522 Shri Rudresh, e-mail: rudresh.tenderwizard@gmail.com
Chief Engineer

SOCIETY OF INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT (SICOM)
(Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change)
111, First Floor, Pandit Deen Dayal Aantodyaya Bhavan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Reference No. NPMU/G/2018/2

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SICOM is inviting Tender for supply and installation of office and IT equipments.

Relevant Tender document, qualifications criteria and terms & conditions etc. may be downloaded from site: www.sicommoef.in and www.ncscm.res.in.

Project Director, SICOM

Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education
PO- New Forest, Dehradun - 248006

E-Procurement Tender Notice
(No. 14/PO/AMC/IT/Admin/ICFRE/2018-19)

Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun invites e-tenders from registered/well equipped reputed firms for **Maintenance contract of Computers, Printers, Laptops, FAX Machines and Franking Machine.** For details information please visit CPP Portal & ICFRE website <http://icfre.gov.in> or <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. All corrigendum, amendments, clarifications etc. regarding tender will be posted on both the website only. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated. Tender will be accepted through online mode only.

Assistant Director General (Admin) ICFRE

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer 'L' Division, CPWD, New Delhi invites on behalf of the President of India online percentage rate bids from the approved, eligible and enlisted contractors of appropriate class of CPWD for the following work of:-
NIT No. : 57/EE/LD/2018-19 (Percentage Rate CPWD-7)
Name of Work: "A/R & M/O to 140 quarters of type-V and 104 nos type-VI quarters at DDU Marg, New Delhi dg. 2018-19 (SH:- preparation and repair work for change of tenancy)." Estimated Cost: ₹ 28,65,348/-, EMD: ₹ 57,307/-, Period of Completion: 6 months, Last date & time of online submission of bid: 15/10/2018 upto 1:30 P.M., Date & time of opening of bid: 15/10/2018 at 2:00 P.M.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD or www.eprocure.gov.in.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No 05/18-19/OT/NTPC-LARA/Shed & Building/Plant Scope /PKG-VIB/2018 Date 05.10.2018

CPM, RITES Ltd. / RPO Raigarh on behalf of **NTPC-Lara** invites E- tender percentage rate on two packet system from bidders, who fulfil qualifying criteria stipulated in the tender for the work of "Construction of shed & Building including sanitary, water supply, electrical wiring including supply & installation and other misc work at Lara Plant end of MGR for NTPC/Lara STPP (2x800 MW) in Raigarh District, Chhattisgarh State (**Package - VIB**). Estimated Cost: Rs 24.59 Cr, Tender Cost: Rs 18,00,000/- EMD:-Rs 24, 58,900/-, Period of Completion:- 12 (Twelve) Months. Last time & date of submission of bid: 29.10.2018 up to 14.00 Hrs. The tender document shall be available on website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app> from dt 08.10.2018. Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, would be hoisted online only.

Sd/- Chief Project Manager, RPO - Raigarh (For & on behalf of NTPC-Lara)

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice

File No. CIID/Parcel/Cloakroom/Tender/T.Document/2018

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites sealed open Tender for work of Management and Operation of Cloakroom (on Renovate, Operate, Maintain and transfer basis) at New Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Stations for a period of 05 years.

S. No.	Name of the Railway station and Location	Reserve Price/Min License fee for First year (In Rs.) (GST and any other applicable Tax will be charged additionally)	EMD amount	Cost of Tender Form + GST @ 18% (Non refundable)
1	New Delhi (PF no. 1 & 16) PF no. 1-179.39 sqm PF no. 16-128.53 sqm Total Area - 307.92 sqm	Rs. 66,00,600/-	Rs. 2,08,980/-	Rs.11,800/-
2	Hazrat Nizamuddin (PF no. 1) Total Area - 71.79 sqm	Rs. 17,42,072/-	Rs. 2,00,010/-	Rs.5,900/-

Date and Time for submission of Tender:- Up to 15:00 Hrs on 05.11.2018 and to be opened at 15:30 Hrs on same day. The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in for other details of work, terms & conditions or may contact office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, DRM Office, State Entry Road New Delhi From 05.10.2018 to 04.11.2018 in any working days between 09:30 hrs to 17:00 hrs and on 05.11.2018 Up to 13:00 Hrs. Notice inviting tender and Tender Document can be downloaded from official website of Northern Railway i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

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निविदा सूचना सं.: सैक/सा.नि/17/2018-19
Tender Notice No.: SAC/PT/17/2018-19

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For and on behalf of the President of India, Sr. Head, Purchase & Stores, Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad invites tenders as following:

क्र.सं. S.N.	निविदा नं. Tender No.	संक्षिप्त विवरण Brief Description
1	AHMG 201800088401	Column Type Drilling Machine
2	SAC/CPUR/2018E0566701	Space Qualified EMI Filter (Feedthrough)
3	SAC/HPUR/2018E0586702	Isotope Analyser
4	SAC/HPUR/2018E0602602	Hyperspectral Underwater Profiling Radiometer
5	SAC/CPUR/2018E0619602	Hi-Rel Wire Bondable Single Layer Capacitor Array
6	SAC/APUR/2018E0623302	Dk Measurement Setup
7	SAC/CPUR/2018E0645601	Space Qualified RM0705 Resistors (10 Ohm to 976 Ohm)
8	SAC/CPUR/2018E0646101	Oscilloscopes
9	SAC/CPUR/2018E0646301	Space Qualified RM0705 Resistors (1K Ohm-8.87 K Ohm)
10	SAC/CPUR/2018E0646501	Space Qualified RM0705 Resistors (9.31 K Ohm-500 K Ohm)
11	SAC/DPUR/2018E0655101	Development of SBD Mixers & Frequency Multipliers
12	SAC/DPUR/2018E0657601	Space Qualified SMA (MALE) Termination
13	SAC/CPUR/2018E0658201	S-BAND HI-Power Loads
14	SAC/DPUR/2018E0661801	Mixed Signal Oscilloscope
15	SAC/DPUR/2018E0662701	Space Qualified SMA (M-F) Fixed Attenuator
16	SAC/CPUR/2018E0663801	L1 Band HI-Power ISO.
17	SAC/DPUR/2018E0665201	Cryogenic vacuum pump with Compressor & its Accessories
18	SAC/CPUR/2018E0668501	Multi-pin Connectors & Accessories
19	SAC/CPUR/2018E0671701	Space Grade 1515 Type Capacitors
20	SAC/APUR/2018E0672401	Studio Video Camera System
21	SAC/APUR/2018E0672501	Video Distribution System
22	SAC/APUR/2018E0672601	Vision Mixer
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24	SAC/CPUR/2018E0682401	Pulsed Laser Diode Module

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'Political steadiness can't be achieved without eco stability'

Kolkata: West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee has accused the Centre of 'ruining' the country's economy and said political steadiness cannot be achieved without economic stability. She also lashed out at the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Friday, claiming it was behaving "more like a political party" in the state.

"The entire Indian economy is in a dangerous condition. It has to change to save our country. If there is no economic stability, there can't be any po-

litical stability. This government should go," Banerjee said here. Blaming the Centre for high fuel prices, she said the Union government should first roll back the Rs 10 cess it levies on petrol and diesel before asking the states to cut taxes.

Banerjee said many like-minded and prominent leaders from across the country have evinced interest in participating in her 'Federal Front' rally in Kolkata on January 19 next year to oust the BJP from the Centre. **PTI**

Don't recognise extreme right or left: Maha CM

New Delhi: Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said Saturday his government will "crush" those who act against the Constitution irrespective of their political or ideological leanings.

Speaking at a media summit, Fadnavis said he does not recognise "extreme left or extreme right".

"The person, or individual, or institution which is acting against Constitution, I am bound to act against them. They may belong to any class, may belong to any caste...any religion, any institution, they may have any leaning but I am going to crush them," Fadnavis said. "That is my raj dharma. That is what I am doing. I don't recognise extreme right or extreme left," he told a gathering of business leaders, and diplomats, political leaders. **PTI**

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The Executive Engineer, Construction Division-III, CPWD, B-510, I.P. Bhawan, New Delhi on behalf of President of India invites online item rate bids from the approved and eligible contractors of CPWD having Security Clearance Certificate issued by the Cabinet Secretariat, G.O.I. for working in their highly secured Area/Campus for the following work:-
NIT No.: 19/EE/CD-III/2018-19 Name of Work: Infrastructure requirement for ADEM Project at DPL Complex, ARC, Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi. Estimated Cost:- Rs. 29,55,546/-. Earnest Money:- Rs. 59,111/-. Period of Completion:- 03 Months, Last date and time of submission of bid:- 15/10/2018 upto 15:00 hours. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD. The Press Notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in

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The Executive Engineer, Construction Division-VI, CPWD, C-418, I P Bhawan, New Delhi on behalf of President of India invites online bids on Lump sum basis in two bid system from eligible Consultants / Architectural Firms for consultancy services for Interior Space Designing, Furniture and Internal services design for the following work:-
1. NIT No.: 06/CE/NDZ-7/2018-19, Name of Work: Providing Interior, Furniture, E&M Services and Horticulture Works at EPFO Head Office, Block-2, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi. SH: Engagement of consultant for interior planning, furniture and services Earnest Money: Rs. 3,00,000/-, & Period of Completion: 12 Months or till completion of the project whichever is later. Last time and date of submission of bid: 22.10.2018 upto 3.00 p.m. and Time and date of opening of bid: 3:30 pm on 22.10.2018. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD or www.cpwd.gov.in or www.eprocure.gov.in

TN governor says VC selection was steeped in corruption in past

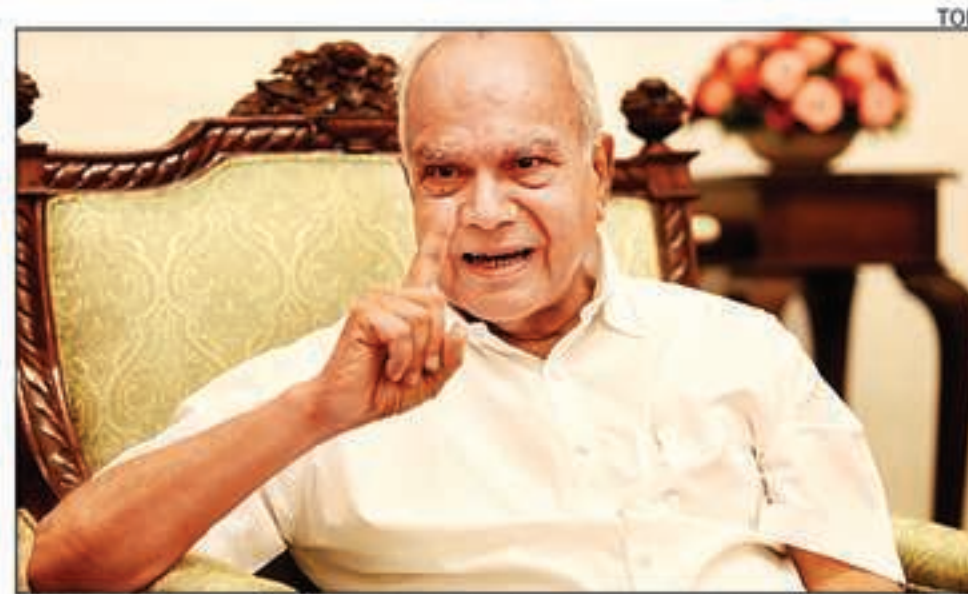
State Min Jayakumar Promises Action If Purohit's Claims Are True

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Chennai: Tamil Nadu governor and chancellor of universities Banwarilal Purohit on Saturday alleged that several crores of rupees used to change hands in the appointment of vice chancellors in the past.

Addressing a conference for enhancing quality of education in the city, the governor said soon after he took charge, he put an end to corruption and ensured that VCs were appointed only on the basis of merit.

Though corruption in appointment of VCs in Tamil Nadu was an open secret, this is the first time a governor is voicing concern about it. Higher education minister K P Anbazhagan, reacting to Purohit's charge, said the



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government had no say in the selection of VCs. Only the governor appoints VCs, he said. "After taking charge I came to know how vice-chancellors are appointed. I was not able to believe that first, but discovered it myself and

decided to change it. I was astonished that crores (of rupees) were given to get the appointment," said the governor. After he took charge, nine VCs have been appointed, he said and added that all of them were selected on the

basis of merit.

No one can raise charges of corruption in those appointments, he said. Efforts were already on to change the corrupt system.

Hours after the governor's speech, Anbazhagan told reporters in Dharmapuri that he had no idea what the governor was talking about.

"I can clearly say that the higher education department is involved in nominating a member to the search committee. Only former VCs or people with experience are nominated. Beyond that, we have no role in selection of VCs. The entire responsibility of choosing the VC rests with the governor," said Anbazhagan.

Fisheries minister D Jayakumar said if the names of people who became VC by

bribing people are made public, the government would take action against them.

"If what the governor is saying is true, we will definitely take action," said Jayakumar.

"The governor, instead of talking about corruption in public, must resort to action like removing chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami and deputy chief minister O Panneerselvam and other ministers who are accused of corruption. The accusation of the governor comes a day after he had a meeting with the chief minister," said DMK president MK Stalin.

"The governor should reveal who received money in VC selection. This government is sinking in corruption," said CPI state secretary RMutharasan.

Rabri, son get bail in IRCTC scam

New Delhi: A Delhi court Saturday granted bail to RJD chief Lalu Prasad's wife Rabri Devi and son Tejashwi Yadav and others in an Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) scam case lodged by the CBI.

Special Judge Arun Bhardwaj also granted interim bail till November 19 to Rabri Devi, Tejashwi Yadav and others in a money laundering case filed by Enforcement Directorate (ED) in relation to the alleged scam.

The court also directed Prasad to be produced through video conference on November 19 in the cases filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the ED. The court granted bail to Rabri and Tejashwi Yadav in the CBI case on a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh and a surety of a like amount.

However, the regular bail was not granted to the accused in the ED case after the agency sought time to file a reply to the bail applications.

The court had earlier granted interim bail to the accused, except Prasad, on August 31 till today in the case filed by the CBI after the agency had sought time to file a reply.

Earlier, the court had summoned and asked Pra-



Rabri Devi and son Tejashwi have been granted bail till Nov 19

sad's family and all others involved to appear before it.

The case is related to alleged irregularities in granting the operational contract of two IRCTC hotels to a private firm.

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Prasad did not appear before the court on Friday as he is imprisoned in a Jharkhand jail on another charge.

The CBI, which had on April 16 filed the chargesheet in the case, had said there was enough evidence against Prasad, Rabri, Tejashwi and others.

Earlier, the court had informed the court that sanction has been procured from authorities concerned to prosecute Additional Member of Railway Board B K Agarwal, who was then the group general manager of the IRCTC. **PTI**

HC junks Tejashwi's plea of retaining official bungalow

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Patna: Bihar leader of opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav may have to move out of his official bungalow after the Patna high court quashed his writ application challenging an order of Nitish Kumar-led NDA government which had asked him to vacate the premises.

RJD chief Lalu Prasad's younger son Tejashwi lives at 5, Deshratna Marg that was allotted to him when he was deputy CM in grand alliance government of JD

Tejashwi got the bungalow when he was the deputy CM in the grand alliance government

(U), RJD and Congress. After GA's collapse in July last year, Tejashwi was asked to vacate the bungalow as it was allotted to present deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi on August 29, 2017.

Tejashwi was, in turn, allotted Modi's 1, Polo Road bungalow. He, however, urged the state government to allow him to retain the 5, Deshratna Marg bungalow.

He wrote a letter to building construction de-



NDA government had asked Tejashwi to vacate the house

partment minister Maheshwar Hazari and chief minister's secretariat on August 31, 2017, citing the exception given to Modi to retain 1, Polo Road bungalow in 2013 when the Bihar CM Nitish Kumar ended his 17-year-old alliance with the BJP.

The state government, however, turned down his request with minister Hazari stating that 5, Deshratna Marg bungalow was officially earmarked for deputy CM and 1, Polo Road for the leader of opposition.

Tejashwi later moved Patna HC challenging the state government's order. The court of Justice Jyoti Saran, however, quashed his writ application on Thursday.

According to sources in building construction department, former state ministers are allowed maximum one-month time to vacate the bungalows. However, in Tejashwi's case, the matter has been lingering for over a year.

Dy CM shown black flags by activists

Patna: Activists belonging to upper caste groups on Saturday waved black flags at Bihar deputy chief minister Sushil Kumar Modi and

tried to blacken his face, as they protested the Centre's restoration of a stringent provision in a law that seeks to protect the lower castes from oppression.

The incident happened in Sitamarhi district, where the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader had gone to attend party events.

The protesters also shouted slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and alleged that the BJP was acting against the interest of the upper castes, who had voted overwhelmingly for the party in the 2014 general election.

Several BJP leaders in the recent past have faced the wrath of upper castes in Bihar, who are angry after the Centre restored the provision of immediate arrest under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act that had been removed by the March 20 Supreme Court verdict.

BJP leaders, including Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Ashwini Choubey, were shown black flags at different places in Bihar

'Swamy trying to influence NH hearing'

New Delhi: Senior Congress leader Motilal Vora Saturday told a Delhi court that BJP leader Subramanian Swamy was trying to influence the proceedings in the National Herald case by commenting on social media.

Additional chief metropolitan magistrate Samar Vishal was told by senior advocate R S Cheema, appearing for Vora, that Swamy was indulging in "character assassination" of the accused persons by tweeting. "The complainant (Swamy) is also insulting the lawyers appearing for the accused persons and trying to influence the ongoing probe by commenting on the merits of the case," the counsel said. Vora, also represented by advocate Cheema, requested the court to pass an injunction order restraining Swamy from tweeting about the case. **PTI**

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NIT No. 1. DGMM/DN/Protective Works/18-19/E-Tender-04 dated 06.10.2018.
2. DGMM/DN/Protective Works/18-19/E-Tender-05 dated 06.10.2018.
3. DGMM/DN/Protective Works/18-19/E-Tender-06 dated 06.10.2018.
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Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a public Sector undertaking company under the administrative control of Department of Atomic Energy with head office at Jaduguda, Dist: Singhbhum (East), Jharkhand-832102, India invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from CPSU/CPSE/Govt. Companies with expertise in Metal mining sector to provide services for UCIL's new Uranium Underground Mine & Mill, expansion of existing projects as well as centralized material procurement & work contracts. The complete documents pertaining to Expression of Interest shall be submitted in the office of General Manager (Projects), Uranium Corporation of India Ltd, Jaduguda, Jharkhand 832102 (rajeshkumar@uraniumcorp.in) through e-mail on or before 20.10.2018. Any change of schedule for this bid will be intimated to the Bidder through UCIL's website "www.uciltenders.co.in" Scope of Work, Eligibility Criteria and other details are also available on company website: <http://www.uraniumcorp.in/> for Uranium Corporation of India Limited

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01. Number of works : 1 No.
02. Value of Works (ECV) : Rs.51,31,160/-
03. Down Loading Starting Date : 04.10.2018 @ 06.00 PM
04. Down Loading End Date : 19.10.2018 @ 03.00 PM
05. Last date of submission of Bid : 19.10.2018 @ 03.30 PM
06. Technical Specification Bid Opening Date (Technical Bid stage) : 19.10.2018 @ 04.00 PM
07. Date of opening Tenders (Price Bid) : 20.10.2018 @ 05.00 PM
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Period of Completion	:	As per Annexure in NIT.
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Boycott by NC & PDP, violence cast a shadow over J&K local polls

Srinagar: The local body elections in Jammu and Kashmir begin on Monday but threats, violence and boycott by the state's two main parties – the NC and the PDP – have cast a shadow over the polls, making it seemingly the most low-profile electoral exercise in the history of the state.

While there has been no poll rally, nor any campaigning or even door-to-door canvassing in most parts of the valley, there seems to be a veil of secrecy over the entire process with the names of candidates contesting the polls and even their political affiliations not being disclosed. Jammu and Kashmir's two main parties – the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) – along with CPI(M) have stayed away from the polls due to the legal challenge to Article 35-A of the Constitution in the Supreme Court.

The two regional parties have asked the Centre to make its stand clear in the apex court on the constitutional provision and urged it to defend the article's continuation.

While separatists have called for a boycott of the polls,

A police official said that the identity and other details of most of the candidates have been kept a closely guarded secret

militants have threatened to target persons taking part in these elections.

The boycott by two mainstream political parties and the calls of boycott by the separatists along with the threats and recent violence have led to absolutely minimal campaigning for the four-phased local bodies' polls.

A police official said the prevailing situation in Kashmir does not allow the candidates to campaign openly as there is a threat to their lives.

"The candidates have been given security and most of them have been taken to secure locations, but the situation is such they cannot campaign. The threat is not only from militants, but from mobs as well," the official said.

He said the identity and other details of most of the candidates have been kept a 'closely guarded secret'. **PH**

J&K gov reviews security situation ahead of polls

Phase 1 Of Municipal Elections Secheduled For Monday

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir governor Satya Pal Malik Saturday took a detailed review of the security situation in the state ahead of the first phase of the municipal elections on Monday, an official spokesperson said.

In a meeting involving senior Civil, Police, Central Armed Police, Army, and State and Central Intelligence Agencies, Malik undertook a detailed review of security management related issues at the Raj Bhavan, he said.

The spokesperson said the meeting was attended by Northern Army Commander, Lt Gen Ranbir Singh, Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh, GOC 15 Corps, Lt Gen A K Bhat, and top officials from police, Central Reserve Police Force and civil administration.

"The meeting discussed security arrangements made for the smooth conduct of the forthcoming elections to the urban local bodies and panchayats and the need for a safe environment for the elections," he said.



Security personnel check a vehicle in Srinagar earlier this week

The spokesperson said after obtaining sector-wise assessment of the prevailing security situation and arising challenges, the governor emphasised the crucial importance of maintaining a sustained close watch on the ground situation and appreciated the sustained real time coordination and synergy between the security forces and the civil administration.

Considering the pattern of attempts to disturb law and order in the past few days, Malik stressed the need

for a heightened vigil and ensuring the safety of protected persons and the security of all important establishments and installations, the spokesperson said.

He said Malik discussed about the issues relating to the welfare of the police personnel and their families.

Lauding the commitment of the security forces towards their duty and sacrifices made by them during discharge of their duties, the governor stressed that it is our responsibility to take care of welfare of our police

Man abducted by militants found dead

Srinagar: The body of a man, who was abducted by militants from Sopore town, was found with his throat slit in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district Saturday, police said. Tawseef Ahmad Ganie (30), a resident of Tujjar area of Sopore, was abducted from his shop Wednesday, a police official said. The body, was found in an orchard in the Check Harwan area of the district on Saturday morning. Preliminary probe reveal that proscribed militant organisation LeT was behind abduction and killing, he added. **PH**

Congress, SAD get ready to show strength in Punjab



RALLY VS RALLY: Amarinder Singh will hold a rally in Killian Wali in Lambi constituency in Muktsar district; SAD in Patiala

Chandigarh: Seeking to outdo each other politically, the ruling Congress and the opposition Akali Dal in Punjab are making every effort to make their public rallies on Sunday shows of their strength.

Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh will hold a rally in Killian Wali in Lambi constituency in Muktsar district, SAD patriarch Parkash Singh Badal's bastion, and the Shiromani Akali Dal will organise a rally in Patiala, the constituency of the scion of the erstwhile Patiala royal family.

Accusing the SAD of exploiting the religious sentiments of people, the Congress said it wants to 'expose the dubious and hypocritical face' of Akali leaders through the rally in Lambi. The opposition SAD wants to highlight the alleged failure of the Amarinder Singh government in honouring his poll promises.

"We all are geared up for a grand rally tomorrow in Lambi. We will expose the misdeeds of the Badals against the Panth (Sikh community) and how they damaged the authority of religious institutions," Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar said Saturday.

The Congress govern-

ment has deputed several cabinet ministers, including Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Manpreet Singh Badal and Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, to make the rally a success.

The SAD, too, appeared confident of showing their strength through the rally in Patiala. "We are going to have a very big rally in Patiala and all arrangements have been made," SAD spokesman Daljit Singh Cheema said.

He, however, alleged that the state machinery was being misused to prevent people from participating in the rally. President of Istri Akali Dal, the women wing of the SAD, Jagir Kaur warned the Punjab government against creating hurdles in the way of the party workers.

She claimed she has received reports that the state government was putting restrictions on the movement of party workers to scuttle the rally. The Akali Dal, which has been passing through a rough patch after the Justice Ranjit Singh Commission report on sacrilege incidents was made public, said Akali stalwart and former chief minister Parkash Singh Badal has been holding meetings with party workers to make the rally a success. **PH**

TRAIN BIO-TOILETS SET TO BE STINK-FREE NEW PUMPS TO CLEAN TANKS IN 10 MINS

Soon, passengers on long-distance trains won't have to worry about stinking bio toilets as railways has developed an extractor that can clean sewage tanks in 10 minutes. The machines are under field trials at WR's Mumbai Central & Bandra Terminus depots, reports Manthan K Mehta

ECO-FRIENDLY CHANGE

4,000-odd tons of human waste discharged from trains across India every day
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'Bio-toilet'

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DISPOSAL OF WASTE

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- Toilets would get choked or start to stink as there's no frequent cleaning



60% of coaches on Indian Railway have bio toilets now

Plan to install bio toilets in remaining **40%** by March 2019

NEW SYTEM TO CLEAN TANKS

➤ Following 9 years of R&D, an extractor design prepared by railway organisations, CAMTECH, RDSO and RCF-Kapurthala, in association with Vogelsang Germany, a global leader in waste disposal

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Govt sent out a signal to voters with revision in fuel prices

'Not Insensitive To Hardship While Working Within Fiscal Constraints'

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New Delhi: The government's decision to cut fuel prices despite the possibility of crude rates rising further is intended to signal that it is not insensitive to public hardship even while working within the fiscal constraints imposed by a commitment to responsible governance.

The decision to distribute the reduction in pump prices between central revenues, oil companies and states came after long deliberation with the government reluctant to succumb to populist impulse as it weighed implications for welfare spending and felt a "cut" would soon be forgotten.

The hesitation over intervening in fuel pricing was shared by senior leaders in government and the organisation until it became appar-



DOUSING CONCERNS

ent that sustained high prices required a political response and a substantial gesture indicating the Modi government's preparedness to balance conflicting interests.

A consensus evolved that it was time to shift gears even as options that could raise debt were considered but rejected on the ground that this would not add up to sound governance. Asking states, many with BJP in office, to

reduce VAT rates would mean the loss of revenue was being distributed. "After all, states have gained revenues on higher VAT collections," a source said.

It was also felt the decision to wait for months before reducing petrol and diesel prices would underline the gains that had accrued in paying down oil bond dues that the government has inherited from the UPA. In this context, the possibility of creating a fund to stabilise prices was discussed but discarded.

"The government was close to considering some measures a month or so ago. But it didn't as more thought was needed to consider the impact on revenues as well as the broader fallout on the economy. We hope public opinion appreciates the concern over making funds available for schemes that will actually add to

the income of the poor," the source said.

According to the government's calculations, the revenue shortfall will not be significant while the political positioning, ahead of state elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, will be adequate.

The government, it is argued, has done only as much as it can. The real test of how prices will move will come after the US sanctions related to Iran kick in early in November. In the meanwhile, oil prices are expected to remain on an upward graph and the factors at play do not leave much leeway for the Centre. The debate is understood to have received a strong nudge from BJP chief Amit Shah as it was felt that inaction would let down expectations that the Modi government would frame a response that was empathetic but not fiscally ruinous.

FM questions commitment of Rahul, allies on fuel price

New Delhi: With non-BJP ruled states refusing to cut taxes on fuel, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley Saturday questioned Congress President Rahul Gandhi and his 'reluctant allies' if they are only committed to tweets and television bytes when it comes to giving relief to the common man.

In a Facebook post titled "The oil prices and the hypocrisy of the opposition", Jaitley accused the government critics of doing a 'volte face' by terming the cut in petrol and diesel prices by Rs 2.5 per litre by the Centre as 'bad economics'.

"Yet we have a situation where a number of non-BJP non-NDA States have refused to pass on any benefit to the consumer. What are the people supposed to conclude? Are Rahul Gandhi and his reluctant allies only committed to tweets and television bytes when it comes to give relief to the common man?" he said.

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Spot the online crook who is keeping company with you

Identity spoofing is one of the most insidious and successful phishing attacks currently in use. Here are some steps that can make a cybercriminal's efforts less effective



CEO fraud may sound far-fetched but they are happening with depressing regularity

At first, it starts with a typical set of events that happens in the early stages of identity theft — something most people fail to find out quickly. By probing the victim's finances and assuming his identity on social media, the cybercriminal hopes to glean enough personal information to be able to impersonate him in a business setting where communications happen over email. The process works when the criminal works his way through the organisation, steadily moving up the line until the person is able to appear as a senior employee. The ultimate goal is to steal the identity of the CEO. Then the criminal uses personal email to open communications with employees who have access to critical corporate information. To appear legitimate, he may make references to specific upcoming work events or a recent meeting, which the identity thief gleaned from social media.

Once an employee is convinced that the criminal is who he is pretending to be, then the requests start. Usually, they're small at first. But then they become bigger and more demanding. Eventually the criminal asks for substantial amounts of money or perhaps a certain IP, such as drawings or specifications, be sent to a third-party address. But there are steps an IT department can take to minimise the chances of it happening to your organisation.

Steps for minimising fraud in the workplace

- The first step is telling your staff that these attempts are possible, describing the forms they'll take, and letting them know that the company security staff is ready to help. Here are some suggestions for CEOs and other senior management:
- 1 Send out an email to all employees to let them know that they are being targeted by badguys who want to work their way into an organisation. Tell them that they should be aware of attempts at identity theft.
 - 2 Request that employees inform the security staff when they suspect they are being approached by identity thieves; this includes attempts to steal credit card numbers.
 - 3 Watch for patterns. If you start seeing an increase in identity theft attempts against your employees, then it is a sign that you may be the real target. Warn your employees.
 - 4 Set up some specific things that you will never ask your employees to do. This may include buying something, asking them to take any official action on the basis of an email sent through a personal account, or asking them to transfer funds or IP to third parties.
 - 5 Protect the personal contact information of your employees to make it harder for thieves to target them.
 - 6 Periodically scan your employees' social media accounts for signs that someone is impersonating them. While the employee may have two accounts for a reason, such as one for personal use and one for business, you should ask them.
 - 7 Once you have made the rules, stick to them yourself. Whether it's identity theft or simply identity spoofing, these activities are often the first stages of a phishing attack because the attackers need enough information to make their messages appear credible. Stopping attacks before they happen means you can save your organisation from the significant costs associated with a data breach.
- And don't think that it won't happen to your company because it's too small. Regardless of size, most organisations have the minimal value points these kinds of criminals are seeking: money and access to other companies.

Friends or foes? Strike a fair deal

How your social media friends are hurting you unintentionally



Turns out, hindered thought and negative emotions may be linked to unintended social exclusion on Facebook and other social media sites, hurting a person unintentionally.

A new study takes a critical look not just at Facebook and other similar platforms but also at the peculiarities of the systems on which these sites operate.

The short-term effects of these posts create negative emotions in the users who read them and may affect thought processes in ways that make users more susceptible to advertising messages.

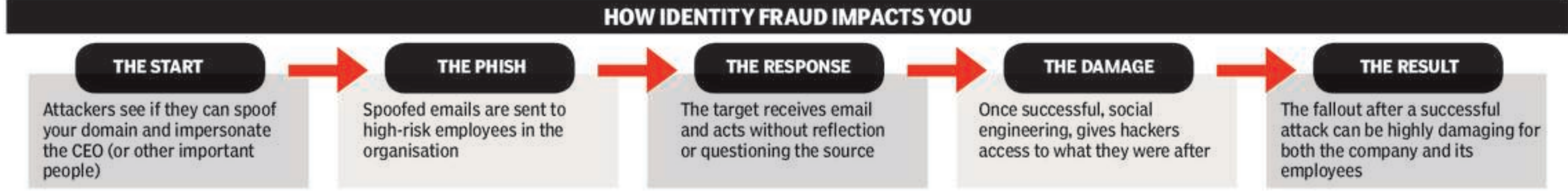
Michael Stefanone, associate professor at University at Buffalo, said, "These findings are compelling. We're using these technologies daily and they're pushing information to users about their networks, which is what the sites are designed to do, but in the end, there's negative effect on people's well-being."

"Social exclusion, even something that might seem trivial, is one of the most powerful sanctions people can use on others and it can have damaging psychological effects," she added.

Lead author Jessica Covert said, "These findings are not only significant because we are talking about individuals' emotions here, but it also raises questions about how exposure to these interactions affect one's day-to-day functioning."

For the study, Covert and Stefanone created scenarios designed to mirror typical interactions on Facebook, and 194 individuals participated in an experiment ensuring exposure to social exclusion. The researchers presented one group with a scenario involving two good friends, where one of those friends had shared information that excluded the participant. The other group saw a feed that presented no social exclusion information. Results indicated that individuals exposed to social exclusion information involving their close friends experienced greater negative emotions than the control group. They also had a tendency to devote more mental resources towards understanding their social networks, making them particularly sensitive to stimuli.

—ANI



Flights of imagination

Study says that sexual fantasies about your partner can make you a stronger couple in the long run



While it's fun to fantasise about hot celebrities and fictional characters, a recent study suggests that fantasising about your real partner can help your relationship in the long run.

The study published in the *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin* studied different groups to look at how fantasies about a partner and about someone else affects relationships. It involved four experiments that examined the consequences of dyadic and extradyadic fantasies — meaning those involving your current partner, and those about other people, respectively.

The researchers tracked the participants for over the course of six weeks, asking them to note any positive or negative feelings about it. Participants who were asked to fantasise about their partner expressed a greater desire to engage in sex with them and do something that would make them happy compared to participants who were asked to fantasise about someone else, according to the lead authors of the study.

The authors noted that when people imagined their own partners, they found them to be more appealing, had fewer negative perceptions of the relationship and wanted to spend more time with them. They also found that this inhibited relationship-damaging behaviours in couples.

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The art of saving time

Make every day a little bit easier with these time-saving, stress-relieving shortcuts

- Beat button blues**
Fed up of having to ditch a favourite shirt or coat as there's a button missing? Simply applying a coat of clear nail varnish to the centre threads on each button will stop the thread breaking or fraying.
- Help keep flight costs down**
Make sure you delete your browser history every time you go online to check flight rates for that holiday you long for. Although travel companies deny it, research suggests prices may increase when you visit a site multiple times thanks to stored information about previous searches.
- Quick battery cheat**
Need an AA battery but can only find a AAA in the drawer? Use the smaller size and fill up the remaining space with a ball of tin foil at the negative end. It will act as a conductor and should keep your gadget working until you can buy the correct size.
- Chew yourself clever**
If preparing for a presentation or trying to remember a speech, chew gum while making your notes — then chew the same flavour gum when you need to recall important information. Research shows you will find it easier and faster to access it.
- Try a memory trick**
Do you have panic attacks about whether you remembered to lock the door or turned off the coffee machine? If this is a regular stress-point for you, try doing something unusual while going through your 'leaving-the-house' routine. Singing a new tune or jumping up and down a couple of times will ensure you remember doing it later.
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Healthier, wealthier and happier

By making these tiny changes to the way you do things, you can create a richer, fitter and calmer version of the future 'you'

- Fitter**
A large coffee — about 8-12oz — can help you work out at a higher intensity without feeling like you're trying harder, research suggests. The University of Florida discovered that it cuts your risk of Alzheimer's and oral cancer too.
- Standing in a post office queue? Contract and flex your abs. Waiting for the kettle to boil? Do some standing lunges. "How about doing slow and steady squats twice a day while brushing your teeth?" says wellbeing expert and yoga teacher Dani Binnington. It's a great way to build exercise into everyday moments.
- Try working out with your other half. Forty three per cent of couples who exercised separately gave up their gym memberships within a year, according to research by Indiana University. However, of those who worked out together, only 6.3 per cent jacked it in.
- Healthier**
Store fruit and vegetables at eye level in the fridge rather than away in the drawers as you're more likely to use it if you can see it.
- Eating dinner in front of the TV can increase your food intake by a whopping 10 per cent. "Watching TV or scanning social media diverts your attention so you don't register whether you're full or actually want those last few mouthfuls," says weight-loss expert Dr Aria Campbell-Danesh. And research has also shown that each hour of TV viewing is linked to an extra 167 calories being consumed.
- Wealthier**
Work out how much spending money you have left after essential outgoings, then transfer it out of your main bank account and into another with a separate debit or pre-paid card. That way, you won't spend it.
- Set up minimum payments for all credit cards to avoid bank fees and text alerts from your bank.
- Happier**
Time-block your life. Each Sunday, spend one hour inputting everything happening the next week into your online diary, so you know what you should be doing when — work, meetings, shopping, even spending time with family. By putting it down in writing, you'll be happier and more organised.
- "Use your commute to learn something. Everything from simple meditation techniques and new languages to audible books can be downloaded and listened to as you travel," suggests life coach Carole Ann Rice.
- Get down lovely things that people say to you or about you and keep them in a jar. Next time self-doubt creeps in, just dip into the jar for a little boost.
- Calmer**
We waste so much time in scenarios when a tiny bit of effort could smooth the future path. Fix it. Stop saying, 'I'll try'. People only use those words if they haven't really got time. Saying 'I'll try' can be misinterpreted as 'I will' and leads to others being disappointed and you feeling stressed. Instead say, 'I'm sorry I can't' and explain why, or say 'I will' but set out your terms — you can do it next week or you'll share the job. You'll feel happier and more relaxed, and the other person will be clear about what's happening.
- Don't multi-task, single task. Finish one thing before starting another and you'll be amazed to find you still manage to get more stuff done, but you'll end the day feeling significantly calmer and less hassled.
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Midriff crisis: Ways to trim belly fat

Being bulky around the stomach is dangerous for your health. Here's how you can reduce that excess fat



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Call it what you want — a beer belly, a stout midsection, a gut. Belly fat doesn't just prevent you from fitting into your favourite pair of trousers, it can also accumulate in the midsection and can have serious implications for your health.

Having a larger waist circumference is a better indicator of health problems than commonly used measurements like body-mass index (BMI), according to a growing body of research. Specifically, having a waist size higher than 40 inches around for men or 34.5 inches for

women is correlated with a higher risk for developing type 2 diabetes and heart attack. There's even evidence that having more belly fat is correlated with lower cognitive performance.

Researchers think belly fat is distinct from other types of fat — like the stuff under your skin or around your arms or thighs, which doesn't necessarily have negative effects on health — because belly fat could be a sign that you have more visceral fat. That's a type of fat that accumulates around internal organs, impairing their functions and raising stress levels.

While we need a certain amount of body fat to be healthy, the diseases associated with excess belly fat are a reason to try to reduce these levels.

A two-part equation
Various factors can influence how much belly fat you have, including genetics, hormone levels, a poor diet, excess calories from alcohol, and the loss of muscle mass that occurs from ageing. Men tend to



accumulate abdominal fat. If you want to lose the gut, focus on diet and exercise, according to Shawn Arent, director of the Center for Health and Human Performance at Rutgers University and a fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine. "Other than surgery, exercise is the only way to change your body shape," Arent said.

The bad news is that there's no one exercise or move you can target belly fat in particular. So, the best approach is to reduce body fat overall, which reduces belly fat in turn. You can also tone

and strengthen your core muscles — with better exercises than crunches — but doing so won't melt away belly fat specifically.

Diet is key
Another key way to lose weight overall is to maintain a quality diet. That means avoiding added sugars, processed carbohydrates, and excessive calories from alcohol. Instead, eat whole grains, vegetables, and protein.

Exercise is medicine
Don't forget strength training. It is especially important for reducing belly fat, since it allows you to build muscle mass. Increasing muscle mass has been shown to decrease levels of visceral fat. Plus, many other benefits come with exercise. Aerobic exercise can decrease one's risk for a number of diseases and improve cognitive performance. Both aerobic workouts and strength training are also associated with mental health benefits and lower rates of depression and anxiety. And via strength training, people can reverse the loss of muscle and bone density that comes with ageing.



Kate Bosworth says, "If I'm going to the gym, I run about two and a half miles"

Surgical strikes better for surgeon than the patient

SWAMINOMICS



SWAMINATHAN S ANKLESARIA AIYAR

To combat severe spinal arthritis, I underwent major surgery on my back last year. The surgeon reconstructed three vertebrae using titanium rods. Alas, one and a half years later the pain is almost as bad as before. On every post-operation visit, he takes an X-ray of my back. He looks admiringly at his handiwork, almost as though he is in love with it. "It looks really good," he says.

Sorry, I say, but the operation was supposed to end my spinal pain, and it hasn't done so. Don't worry, the X-ray shows you are doing fine, you will get better in due course, says the surgeon, giving the X-ray another admiring gaze. This operation has left the surgeon delighted, without curing the patient.

I was reminded strongly of my own sad story when the government decided to celebrate September 29 as 'Surgical Strike Day', on the second anniversary of its strikes on terrorist camps across the border. The University Grants Commission instructed all colleges to celebrate too. It seems that Surgical Strike Day may become a hardy annual.

In 2016, rising violence in Kashmir by Islamic militants culminated in attacks on Indian forces at Uri and Pathankot. This stoked public anger, and Narendra Modi's strongman image was at stake. His party had always claimed to be the most patriotic and ultra-nationalist, the most committed to get tough with enemies. So, to retaliate against Uri and Pathankot, Indian troops were sent on September 29 that year across the Line of Control in Kashmir to hit various terrorist camps. The government called it a "surgical strike". It created much elation in political circles and the media about having taught Pakistan a lesson.

Two years later, we must ask, what was the impact of the strike on Pakistani and militant activity? Did it solve or greatly mitigate India's problem? The answer is disconcerting. Sandeep Bharadwaj of the Centre for Policy Research estimates that in Kashmir, the number of insurgency-related fatalities went up from 267 in 2016 to 358 in 2017. The number of estimated infiltrations went up from 371 to 406. And the number of civilian deaths increased by 166%.

Pakistani support for militants remained undiminished. Border violence also worsened. India-Pakistan ceasefire violations more than doubled in 2017 compared with 2016. And Pakistan has just elected a new prime minister, Imran Khan, who has long been cozy with both the militants and the Pakistan Army.



TWO YEARS ON: Killings in Kashmir have risen as has border violence, but strikes did make Indians feel good

In sum, India is no more secure than before. Yet the government keeps crowing about how fabulous the surgical strike was, and how well it was executed. This reminds me of my own back surgeon. He too crows about how beautifully he did the operation, and how wonderful the X-rays look. In the case of both my back and Kashmir, the operation has done more for the surgeon than the patient.

The surgical strike in 2016 was short and swift, a hit-and-return tactic. It was a shallow penetration, no more than one kilometre into enemy territory, killing and wounding a modest number of militants. Pakistan's first reaction was to say it was unaware of anything more than the usual border incidents. Later it admitted, and independent foreign journalists confirmed, that the strikes were real. But they said they resembled a mosquito bite more than surgery. Pakistan declared that it would not be cowed by such tactics and warned India not to trifle with a first-strike nuclear power. Violence in Kashmir continued unabated.

The surgical strike was mostly political theatre. It made most Indians feel good, without greatly disturbing Pakistanis. Such an outcome has its uses.

Many Indians have long called for really tough retaliation against Pakistan, such as aerial bombing of terrorist camps across the border. However, Pakistan will not take this lying down and will retaliate, maybe by sending its own bombers into action. This could lead to dangerous escalation between two nuclear-armed countries. That should be avoided.

Surgical strikes may be political theatre, but that is far better than armed escalation. The Indian public has long wanted to teach Pakistan a lesson for supporting militant attacks. After Uri and Pathankot, something had to be done. The surgical strikes constituted a limited operation, doing enough damage to satisfy the domestic audience, without being heavy enough to stoke dangerous retaliatory escalation.

This is not a solution to the Kashmir problem. But it is a useful way of assuaging the Indian public and thwarting armed escalation. Whether it should be celebrated annually is another matter.

PS: I don't celebrate the anniversary of my back surgery. It's not even political theatre.

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A lot of Western magicians stole or appropriated Indian tricks

John Zubrzycki was enchanted by the profusion of jugglers and performers on Calcutta's streets during a visit in the 1970s. That fascination translated into a scholarly work on the history of Indian magic. The Sydney-based author of *Jadoowallahs, Jugglers and Jinns: A Magical History of India* tells Sonam Joshi that there is more to Indian jadoo than P C Sorcar



fairs and exhibitions from the 1860s, and it peaked around the turn of the century. They came from marginalised communities that were later classified as criminal tribes. Sometimes, corrupt impresarios just abandoned them on the streets of European cities. Those who found success (see box) did so through skill, ingenuity and a lot of chutzpah.

How did P C Sorcar change the rules of the game? You've argued that he owed his popularity to showmanship and self-promotion...

What sparked off your interest in the history of Indian magic and can you tell us about the first trick you saw?

I used to see a lot of magicians when I was in India in the late 1970s, but the encounter I remember most was outside Alipuduar railway station in 1979 when I saw the basket trick being performed. A young boy climbed into a round basket and an old man chanted incantations and plunged a sword through the wicker. The blade came out bloody but the boy later emerged unscathed. It was quite spectacular. Later, I realised that a lot of Western magicians were appropriating Indian costumes and tricks in the early 20th century. Even Harry Houdini started his career posing as a 'Hindu fakir'. You also had a new class of Indian magicians who had learnt Western magic and gotten so good that they were travelling to the West and wearing top hats and coat tails. While writing the book, I saw lots of magic that I have no explanation for but I know it is all trickery, based on human ingenuity.

How did Indian magic come to dominate the Western imagination from the 19th century onwards?

India was seen as this far-off place where real magic existed, and its reputation only grew as Western magicians started returning with tales of the extraordinary feats of India's street magicians. A traditional Indian magician neither had the luxury of a stage nor props that can make objects disappear. He had, at most, a bag. A Western magician

needed special lighting, trap doors, curtains and mirrors. An Indian magician seemed more mysterious. But there was also a certain East vs West rivalry. Western magicians tried to assert their superiority by stealing or buying tricks from impoverished street magicians, or exposing their secrets through writings. Indian magic was considered primitive, crude and unchanging while Western magic was thought of as sophisticated and modern.

Under British rule, Indian entertainers were often taken to the West on exploitative terms. How did some become successful performers in their own right?

Street magicians were recruited for world

FORGOTTEN JAADUGARS

In late 1810s, Ramo Samee, a South Indian, started performing in America, Europe and England, becoming one of the most famous magicians of his day

Amar Nath Dutt, a portly, mustachioed Punjabi, turned himself into 'Linga Singh, the Mysterious Hindoo Sorcerer' in London in 1911. Famous tricks: pulling a four-wheeled carriage across the stage using hypnosis; making elephants vanish

Kashmir's Kuda Bux took to the London stage in the 1930s and was dubbed as the 'Man With the X-Ray Eyes' as he could read a book blindfolded. Also the earliest Indian magician to do a fire walk in London

Yes, there's a certain truth in that. Sorcar brought Indian magic to the notice of the world stage. He was a master publicist. He would bombard newspapers, magazines and magic journals with reviews of his shows, brightly coloured posters and photographs, emphasising that he's the world's greatest magician even though he had no claim to call himself that. Back in 1956 when live TV was in its infancy, he understood its power. On a BBC programme, he deliberately let his show run overtime so that his assistant would be left cut in half by a giant hacksaw blade. It was all a trick of course but people thought they had seen someone murdered on their TV screens. The BBC had to issue a clarification but the story made the front pages, and his career never looked back.

A lot of his magic wasn't considered that great but then he started elaborate and sophisticated stage productions with palaces, elephants on hire, music, dance and numerous assistants.

What place does magic have in the digital age? Though it's getting tougher for street magicians to survive, magic won't die. Seeing a skilled magician do even the simplest of tricks instills a sense of wonder and makes us question what is real. This is something that will always resonate deeply even in this digitised and disenchanted world.

Don't get your hopes up for 2019. Governments change, but life doesn't

AAKARVANI



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We have only a few months to go before the next election and I thought we should consider this question: how much difference can any particular government make to India? We are ending a period when, for the first time in decades, there was a government with a majority.

It had popular opinion and goodwill on its side to a large extent when it came to power, it had the media on its side for the most part, and it was not lacking in ambition. Meaning that it started off with the announcement made through the campaign slogans that it stood for a new way of doing things and great change.

It also had a determined leader who could sidestep the minor obstacles that were in his way — avoiding the Rajya Sabha, for instance — towards producing that change. The question is: did all this produce any real change? This will likely produce two sorts of responses. The first will be from those who support this government and they will point to some things that appear to be different. For example not as much news about high-level corruption (this Rafale thing aside) in the last four-and-a-half years. This is probably the main thing that will be cited as having changed. Then they will point out that the intent is different in this leadership. This intent has produced interventions like demonetisation and the 'surgical strike' and Swachh Bharat campaign. Even if the result is not quite dramatic, the desire is there.

Such things will be offered by those who will believe that there was indeed some significant change that the current government has produced. The second set of people will be those who once supported the government but no longer do, plus those who never supported it for whatever reason. The most important thing that will offend them

might be the divisive nature of this government's rhetoric. It has produced, it could be argued, new categories of violence in India. They may also point out to things like the economy. Even if we were to leave aside the problems of the market in the week we have left behind, overall things are not particularly good and even if we were to accept the rhetoric of the government, we would have to also accept that they are not particularly different over the previous decade.

We're not looking at this through either of these two perspectives. The question is not about this individual and this government. The question is whether any government can make a difference over any other government to India. I do not think the answer to that is yes.

If we were to look at this neutrally (to the extent that this is possible in democratic politics, especially in a place where emotions run high) we would have to go down the list of things that need reworking to produce this better and shinier India. Where can political forces make a difference?

The first place is in the basic structures. This was done in India a long time ago and we have a Constitution already present and stable, because no political party or political force really opposes it. All of us swear by the Constitution, in the literal sense. This is quite remarkable and makes us one of the more fortunate among the poor nations. At least we do not fight over the basics, as they do in Pakistan and China and elsewhere.

The second stage where changes are possible could be in the systems and the laws. Again, all major political forces in India are agreed that we should have the sort of economic system we have operated for the last few decades. There is no opposition to it in substance across the political spectrum.

So far as the specific laws go, we already have a fairly liberal set of regulations which are tweaked by successive governments rather than torn down and then rebuilt from scratch. The Prime Minister has himself pointed out, and I think quite rightly, that no 'game-changer' type laws have been proposed by anyone to him. What

we have seems to be good enough. Anything that can be pointed out as needing change — for instance that the government should not be owning banks or insurance companies or running airlines — is banal. No party, including this one in power now, has made any strong effort to end this or to propagate a different course. It is merely tolerated. Everyone understands that this is going to erode through a gradual process, and it likely will.

Then the third stage would be what we would call governance: the ability to efficiently make the system move in the way that it was designed.

I will leave it to readers to look around them and ask if anything really changes for you in that sense. My answer is that it doesn't. Everyday life is the same, whoever is in power, with however big a majority. Going to 2019, it is something for us to consider: this is what we have, and this is how it is going to be.

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IL&FS saga tells us that the experts cannot be trusted

BY INVITATION



ANIL DHARKER

By now everyone knows what the initials IL&FS stand for, but I have another option: Internal Looting and Fraud Syndicate. Too strong? Financial experts would give it a more polite name, but I am only a lay citizen, not a financial expert.

What the whole sorry IL&FS saga tells us is that we can't trust the experts. There are exceptions of course, but many use their expertise to enrich themselves, or they don't use their expertise and let others enrich themselves. A majority of us are not financial experts, and we inexpertly pay taxes and invest in companies and buy insurance policies, and then find the money going into deep, deep holes. So here are a layman's naïve questions: How did IL&FS run up a debt of Rs 91,000 crore (let's spell it out: Rs 91,000,00,00,000)? Did it happen overnight? If it didn't, as it obviously couldn't, how did no one notice it till now? If it was noticed before, why didn't its shareholders (LIC, SBI, Oryx Corp of Japan, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority being the major ones) call a halt and sack its management much, much earlier? If the shareholder directors were sleeping, were the independent directors Rip van Winkles too? How is it that two rating agencies, allegedly run by professionals, continued to give IL&FS an AAA rating, and in less than two months have downgraded it to D (Default)?

The unreality of it all is staggering. The government stepped in on October 1. But just two days earlier, the company's shareholders approved a Rs 4,500-crore rights issue. And a mere month before that, the company gave out a final dividend of 10%. (In the previous year, the dividend was 42.5%). And you thought only profit-making companies gave out dividends? In the same vein, have you heard of companies facing virtual insolvency, awarding massive pay raises? IL&FS gave a 66% increase to its management staff, and chairman Ravi Parthasarathy gave himself a 144% increase, taking his salary to Rs 26.3 crore.

Given the numbers, you would think IL&FS would be a very large company. Actually, the holding company has only 131 employees; however, it has very many subsidiaries and joint venture companies whose number, depending on your source of information, is anywhere between 165 and 348. Now why would a company, which is not diversified, but involved in one basic activity, need so many subsidiaries, unless the idea was to have a large group of unlisted entities, which would therefore escape scrutiny? We thought only shady private companies do this to create a complex web of cross-holding and fudged accounts; but here's a company whose large holding is with LIC and State Bank and therefore the government and, it follows, poor lay people like us.

More naïve questions follow. Three people ran

IL&FS more or less from the start: Chairman Parthasarathy, VC and MD Hari Sankaran and JMD and CEO Arun Saha. Why were they allowed to run the company as a private fiefdom? Will there be an investigation into their assets now? Secondly, what were the auditors doing all these years? They raised a red flag only this year, but the company is 31 years old. Does anyone remember Satyam Computers, the only other company to have been taken over by the government? It was found that its auditors were complicit in Satyam's fraud. Will there be an audit of IL&FS auditors?

Is the commendable idea of having independent directors mere eyewash? IL&FS had luminaries like R C Bhargava (chairman of Maruti Suzuki), Sunil Mathur (former chairman of LIC) and Jaithirath Rao (former country head of Citicorp) on the board for periods ranging from six to 28 years. Were they presented with lies, damned lies, and statistics? Or were they supplied with wool to pull over their eyes, or did they bring their own? Bhargava was also on the risk management committee, so essential in assessing in-



LOOT & SCOOT: Were all the watchdogs sleeping?

frastructure projects. Why did this committee not meet for three whole years (not two as reported)? The role of rating agencies also needs to be scrutinised. A much larger question: Is there an inherent conflict of interest in the fact that auditors and rating agencies are paid by the companies they have to assess? Sadly, the Reserve Bank of India, which has no such constraints, was also found wanting in the IL&FS case.

In short, our whole system, in spite of the safeguards which governments have tried to build into it, is susceptible to large-scale fraud. This is made worse because within the community there seems to be a reluctance to point fingers: for example, HDFC exited from the IL&FS board a year ago. If it did so in spite of having a 9% stake in the company, it must have been because it saw danger signs. Why did it not issue a quiet warning to everyone else?

Finally, that leaves the 'watchdog' of democracy, the media. Did it too fall asleep?

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POETIC LICENCE
AKHIL KATYAL

Grief is the least biodegradable of objects.

Do not bury it.

Stash it between your fingers and in those inconsolable hours let it run.

There will be nights when even steel dissolves with your touch.

Katyal is a Delhi-based poet

INBOX

Lacking aadhaar

This refers to the article by Nikhil Dey and Aruna Roy ('How Chhuni Bai's death exposes the lie about Aadhaar', Sept 30). Aadhaar-based biometrics is a highly effective means of distributing subsidies among the poor. The only major challenge is that the technology behind it needs to be robust and state-of-the-art so it does not become a bottleneck.

Swaminathan Mohan, Dehradun

Puzzling why STO wastes space on such bleeding-heart articles. There's no question that technology must be improved so people aren't denied food for lack of identification. But that is beyond the ability of "intellectuals" who simply want to go back to a leaky 'socialist' system that did no good.

S N Balasubrahmanyam, Bengaluru

Naxalites and us

LSE's Alpa Shah spent four years in an adivasi area (ATM interview, Sept 30). I wonder if any politician or babu has spent even four days with them. We always look at Naxalites as enemies of the state. Let's take a leaf from Shah's book and tackle the root of the problem instead of hacking away at its branches.

Avinash Godbole, Dewas

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Why the Sabarimala verdict is an act of social engineering

RIGHT & WRONG



SWAPAN DASGUPTA

The Supreme Court verdict in the Sabarimala temple case has created profound disquiet in southern India. Contrary to cosmopolitan wisdom that viewed the majority judgment as a leap forward for gender equality, there have been protests by women against the right of unrestricted entry to the shrine. What is being dubbed the #PreparedToWait campaign may well be debunked in some circles as evidence of either 'false consciousness' or a short-lived conservative backlash. But the protests have gathered enough momentum to force political parties to demand both a judicial review and a reaffirmation of Sabarimala's traditions by the legislature. A larger battle, it would seem, has just begun.

Changes in religious practice are an ongoing process. Most Hindu shrines, especially those associated with the Shakti traditions, have over the decades abandoned animal sacrifice. In many temples, it is no longer considered obligatory to have worship conducted by Brahmin priests. There are instances — admittedly few — of women priests conducting Hindu marriages.

Apart from rituals, the changes have embraced religious custom. Backed by legislation, Hindu temples no longer have caste restrictions on entry and worship. The Supreme Court has mooted a proposal to even allow the entry of non-Hindus to the Jagannath temple in Puri. Traditional Hindu laws have yielded way to gender equality in matters of inheritance and society has accepted it without fuss. Indeed, traditional discriminatory practices — while still not totally eradicated — are on the retreat in Hindu society.

Thanks to the convergence between everyday religion and the media, the lived Hindu religion is evolving very rapidly. With greater prosperity, traditional pilgrimages have been embellished by organised tourism. A combination of Bollywood and media has seen localised customs such as Karva Chauth and fasting on Tuesdays acquire a pan-Indian character. The Santoshi Ma cult was entirely a celluloid creation. Ganesh has emerged as a national deity, with an appeal cutting across class and geography. In eastern India, community Durga Pujas have become more widespread and certainly more opulent. Although the maha artists that were fleetingly witnessed in Mumbai in the wake of the 1992-93 riots haven't caught on, today's Hinduism is definitely more communitarian, more participative and definitely less inclined to exclude people on grounds of theological or other schisms. In the modern temples that have mushroomed in urban India, worship of Krishna, Shiva and other deities is conducted side by side and harmoniously often by the same set of priests. At the onset of the 20th century, this would have been unimaginable.

It is important to remember that most of the socio-religious changes in the Hindu communities aren't only due to legislation. Certainly, changes in the law played

an important role in edging out child marriage, according inheritance rights to women and regulating the terms of marriage and divorce. But these are issues that any modern state has an obligation to regulate. Apart from the legal strictures against caste-based oppression and the rights of all castes to worship in temples, the shifts in the religious life of Hindus have seamlessly evolved. Urbanisation, the emergence of a diaspora, film culture and even Hindutva have contributed to the shifts. While some may lament that the changes have played havoc with the more devotional facets of the Hindu inheritance — partly compensated by the appeal of modern spiritual gurus — none can deny that the reformation of popular Hinduism was mostly internally generated. There was no overriding state and no overriding pope to steer the course of a way of life.

For the Supreme Court, the Sabarimala case was a test of "constitutional morality" and the majority judgment concluded that the exclusion of women between the ages of 12 and 50 violated the equality principles of Articles 14, 15 and 17. At the same time, the Court, by not



EVOLVING FAITH: The reformation of popular Hinduism is an ongoing process and mostly internal

addressing the issue of whether this exclusion was "essential religious practice", in effect concluded that it was a mere embellishment. The Court applied the test of rationality and implicitly concluded that Swami Ayyappa's vow of permanent celibacy was too abstruse to compromise absolute principles of the Constitution. That the deity's seclusion from fertile women was an integral part of the Ayyappa tradition and unreservedly accepted by devotees — including women — was disregarded. Instead, primacy was attached to academic objections by non-devotees.

The judgment was an act of social engineering and based on the belief that faith and custom must correspond to the dictates of modernity. It has mechanically directed radical change on a Hindu culture that is both eternal and constantly adaptive. Quite unwittingly, the Supreme Court may have set the stage for a hardening of attitudes.

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After a bitter fight, Kavanaugh poised for confirmation to US Supreme Court

Key Senators Announce They Will Vote In Favour Of Trump's Pick In Final Vote

Sheryl Gay Stolberg and
Nicholas Fandos

Washington: Judge Brett Kavanaugh, whose Supreme Court hearings ripped apart the Senate and roiled the nation, headed for final confirmation to the court after two key undecided senators announced on Friday that they would back him, despite allegations of sexual assault and deep-seated Democratic opposition.

The last-minute announcements by Republican senator Susan Collins and Democrat senator Joe Manchin capped an emotional and deeply divisive confirmation process that, in the end, turned as much on questions about Kavanaugh's honesty, temperament and treatment of women as it did on his jurisprudence. A final vote is expected late on Saturday.

Kavanaugh's ascent to the nation's highest court is a huge victory for President Donald Trump, Senate Republicans and their conservative allies, who have mounted a decade-long campaign to remake the Supreme Court in their image. He will replace the court's swing vote, the retired Justice Anthony Kennedy, with a committed conservative who is likely to push the court to the right for decades. But



A NATION AT ODDS WITH ITSELF: People protesting Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court outside the Capitol in Washington

his path there has been a brutal one, leaving in its wake a national caught in what Republican senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, described on Friday as the "crossroads of anger and fear and partisanship."

While conservatives savored victory, many women and survivors of sexual assault were left feeling that once again, their stories did not matter; that nothing had changed since 1991, when Judge Clarence Thomas was confirmed to the Supreme Court after being accused of sexual harassment by law professor Anita Hill. Then, as now, women were energised to become a political force.

Then, as now, conservatives railed against the politics of personal destruction that, they said, had ruined a good man's name. All of those emotions collided in the Capitol on Friday, during a dramatic day that culminated with Collins announcing her intentions in a highly anticipated afternoon speech on the Senate floor.

The Kavanaugh debate has been especially agonising for her; she has been dogged by protesters and received threats for months, and has lately been traveling with police escorts. "Certain fundamental legal principles about due process, the presumption of innocence and fairness do

bear on my thinking, and I cannot abandon them," Collins said, adding, "We will be ill-served in the long run if we abandon the presumption of innocence and fairness."

Moments later, Manchin announced that he too would be a yes vote. "I have reservations about this vote given the serious accusations against Judge Kavanaugh and the tempering he displayed in the hearing," Manchin said in a statement. "And my heart goes out to anyone who has experienced any type of sexual assault in their life. However, based on all of the information I have available to me, including the recently completed FBI report, I have found Judge Kavanaugh to be a qualified jurist." Their announcements followed a 51-49 morning procedural vote to limit debate and move forward with the nomination — the next-to-last step in the confirmation process — that had its own drama and surprises.

Supreme Court confirmation votes are always a formal affair; unlike ordinary votes, where senators mill about the chamber, during Supreme Court votes they sit at their wooden desks and rise as their names are called. On Friday, all eyes were on the four undecided senators who would deter-

mine Kavanaugh's fate: Collins; Manchin; Republicans Lisa Murkowski and Jeff Flake.

Flake, whose wavering in the wake of Blasey's testimony last week led to an FBI investigation into her accusations against Kavanaugh, voted in favor of moving ahead, telling reporters that he would vote for Kavanaugh "unless something big changes."

But Murkowski, her voice rising barely above a whisper as she announced her vote, became the lone Republican to break with her party in voting to block the judge's confirmation. She later delivered an emotional impromptu speech explaining why, but said that she would be recorded as "present" rather than "no" during Saturday's vote to compensate for a fellow Republican who would have trouble making the vote.

The vote gave Republicans enough of a majority that vice-president Mike Pence did not have to come to the Senate to break a tie. The last time a justice was confirmed by a single vote was in 1881, when Stanley Matthews was confirmed 24-23. Trump was triumphant on Twitter. "Very proud of the US Senate for voting 'YES' to advance the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh!" he posted. **WTR**

In Africa, Melania raises eyebrows with 'colonial' hat

Katie Rogers

Nairobi: A half a world away from the spectacle of Washington, Melania Trump still managed to create one of her own during a Kenyan safari on Friday, riding out into the grassland wearing a crisp white pith helmet — a common symbol of European colonial rule.

It may not have been the most glaring faux pas the hyper-scrutinised Trump has ever made. That title probably goes to the "I really don't care. Do U?" jacket she wore on the way to visit detained migrant children in Texas in June. But to some — especially those who study African history — her fashion choice in Kenya was still a big error on the global stage: the sight of a first lady wearing something so closely associated with the exploitation of Africans.

Hours before Washington woke up, critics were pointing out how Trump — who is here representing a husband widely reported to have disparaged African nations in vulgar terms — had fumbled this



Social media users criticised US first lady Melania Trump for wearing a pith helmet, claiming it was heavily symbolic of colonial rule

segment of her visit. Trump is in Africa on a four-nation tour; with plans to visit Egypt this weekend after stops in Ghana, Malawi and Kenya.

The criticism was not universal. Several large Kenyan news sites focused not on the safari fashion but on Trump's other attention-grabbing activity of the day: feeding baby elephants, and a fall broken by a Secret Service agent. But on social media, the angry tweets and hashtags about the helmet rolled in: #FLOTUSinA-

fricaBingo documented what some felt were Trump's tone-deaf fashion choices.

"When people think of Africa, they have these standard narratives," Kim Yi Dionne, a political science professor who specializes in African politics, said. "Her attire is a signal of her understanding of what Africa is in 2018. It's tired and it's old and it's inaccurate." When reached for comment about the criticism, the East Wing did not immediately respond. **WTR**

China mum on Interpol chief's disappearance

Beijing: China remained silent on Saturday over the disappearance of the head of Interpol, deepening the mystery



over Meng Hongwei's fate after reports said he was detained for questioning on arrival in his homeland.

Hongwei, 64, was last seen leaving for China in late September from the Interpol headquarters in Lyon, France, a source close to the enquiry said. It is the latest high-profile disappearance in China, where many government officials and businessmen have vanished for weeks or months at a time.

Beijing has so far said nothing on Meng's case. The ministry of foreign affairs did not respond to a request for comment. But news of his absence was followed by speculation that Meng — who also serves as a vice-minister of the ministry of public security — had been swept up in an anti-corruption campaign.

Interpol has also kept quiet on Meng's whereabouts. **AFP**

Brexit deal could be done in next fortnight: EU chief

Joe Watts



Jean-Claude Juncker said the EU was determined to reach an agreement to avoid a 'no deal' Brexit, which experts say would cause chaos for both sides

Jean-Claude Juncker has said the chances of a Brexit breakthrough have increased in recent days — suggesting an agreement could be reached within the next two weeks — amid claims Brussels will offer the UK a Canada-style trade deal. The president of the European Commission made the comments ahead of a critical summit later this month boasting hopes that an agreement might be reached.

Reports from Europe indicate the deal offered by Brussels will include parts similar to those in Theresa May's Chequers plan, but would not deliver the totally "frictionless" trade she is seeking.

It comes ahead of a cabinet meeting next week when ministers are expected to discuss tweaks to May's proposals, to make them more amenable to the EU in order to secure the all important deal.

May is under increasing pressure both in Europe and domestically with reports on how Brexiteer MPs are demanding she switch to a Canada-style arrangement.

Interviewed by three Austrian newspapers, Juncker suggested a deal could even be done in time for the next EU summit in mid-October.

Asked if he thought it would be finalised at the meeting, Juncker said: "I have reason to think that the

rapprochement potential between both sides has increased in recent days."

The Independent understands that the deal EU negotiators are thinking about would provide as frictionless trade as possible, without undermining the single market — their key concern about Chequers.

Femi Oluwole confronts a Brexiteer claiming the EU forces uncontrolled and harmful immigration on the United Kingdom. Furthermore, they would include clauses that left open the possibility of further changes after Brexit day, meaning a future Tory or Labour leader could change the relationship.

However, since the beginning of negotiations the EU's conception of a free-trade arrangement has been contingent on Ms May accepting different customs arrangements in Northern Ireland and mainland Britain, something she has already ruled out. **THE INDEPENDENT**

Pak oppn leader gets 10 days' jail ahead of bypoll

Lahore: Pakistani opposition leader Shehbaz Sharif was jailed on Saturday for 10 days after being arrested in a corruption case, his lawyer said, meaning he will not be able to campaign for his party ahead of by-elections next week.

Sharif is the younger brother of ousted PM Nawaz Sharif, who was sentenced earlier this year to 10 years in prison. Friday's arrest of Shehbaz Sharif by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in Lahore involved a case of alleged corruption in a low-cost housing scheme when Sharif was chief minister of Punjab province.

A NAB court on Saturday heard charges that Sharif in 2014 illegally cancelled a contract with a construction company and sought to award it to another company, allegedly for a bribe. The court ordered him remanded in custody for 10 days to be interrogated, his lawyer Azam Nazir Tararsaid. Sharif denies any wrongdoing, and his brother has denounced corruption cases against him as politically motivated. **REUTERS**

1986 BOTCHED TEST HAD CLAIMED THOUSANDS

Three decades after nuclear disaster, Chernobyl goes solar

Chernobyl: Ukraine unveiled a solar plant in Chernobyl on Friday, just across from where a power station, now encased in a giant sarcophagus, caused the world's worst nuclear disaster three decades ago.

Built in a contaminated area, largely uninhabitable and where visitors are accompanied by guides carrying radiation meters, 3,800 panels produce energy to power 2,000 apartments.

In April 1986, a botched test at the Soviet plant sent clouds of nuclear material billowing across Europe and forced tens of thousands of people to evacuate.

Thirty-one plant workers and firemen died in the immediate aftermath, mostly from acute radiation sickness. Thousands more later succumbed to radiation-related illnesses such as cancer, although the total death toll and long-term health effects remain a subject of debate.

The one-megawatt solar plant is a joint project by Ukrainian company Rodina and Germany's Enerparc AG, costing around €1 million (\$1.2 million) and benefiting from feed-in tariffs that guarantee a certain price for power.



A NEW LIFE: Visitors examine solar panels during the official opening ceremony of the new power plant in Chernobyl

It is the first time the site has produced power since 2000, when the nuclear plant was finally shut down. Valery Seyda, head of the Chernobyl nuclear plant, said it had looked like the site would never produce energy again.

"But now we are seeing a new sprout, still small and weak, but this is very joyful," he said. **REUTERS**

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Banksy artwork shreds itself moments after \$1m sale

London: Art prankster Banksy has struck again. A work by the elusive street artist self-destructed in front of startled auction-goers on Friday, moments after being sold for £1.04 million (\$1.4 million).

The spray-painted canvas 'Girl With Balloon' went under the hammer at Sotheby's in London, fetching more than three times its pre-sale estimate and equalling a record price for the artist. Then, as an alarm sounded, it ran through a shredder embedded in the frame, emerging from the bottom in strips.

A post on Banksy's official Instagram account showed

the moment — and the shocked reaction of those in the room — with the words "Going, going, gone..." "It appears we just got Banksy-ed," said Alex Branczik, head of contemporary European art at Sotheby's. The auction house said it was "in discussion about next steps" with the buyer.

"We have not experienced this situation in the past where a painting spontaneously shredded, upon achieving a record for the artist," Branczik said. "We are busily figuring out what this means in an auction context."

Banksy, who has never disclosed his full identity, began



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his career spray-painting buildings in England, and has become one of the world's best-known artists. His satirical

Romanians vote on gay marriage ban

Bucharest: Romanians have begun two days of voting on a constitutional amendment that would make it harder to legalize same-sex marriage. The vote has raised concerns that non-traditional families will be discriminated against.

A conservative group initiated the referendum being held on Saturday and Sunday, and the influential Romanian Orthodox Church is backing it.

The proposed amendment would revise the definition of family in the Constitution of Romania to make marriage "a union between a man and a woman" instead of "a union between spouses". Romanian law already prohibits same-sex marriages. Opponents say the new constitutional language is a mean-spirited attempt to make LGBT people feel more like second-class citizens and also could marginalise households led by single parents or unmarried couples raising children.

However, he added that the country should create "a legal framework for same-sex partnerships". **AP**

The proposed amendment would revise the definition of family in the Constitution of Romania to make marriage 'a union between a man and a woman'

The referendum requires a 30% turnout of registered voters to be valid. The proposed change would prevent any attempt to legalise same-sex marriage through legislation.

Leader of the ruling Social Democratic Party Liviu Dragnea said Romania should decide how to want to run its own affairs and praised "the traditional family, a man and a woman who have children".

However, he added that the country should create "a legal framework for same-sex partnerships". **AP**

aring the words "Laugh now, but one day I'll be in charge."

He has a penchant for elaborate pranks. In 2005, he hung an image of a spear-toting ancient human pushing a shopping cart in the British Museum, where it remained for several days before being discovered. The next year he smuggled a life-sized figure of a Guantanamo Bay detainee into Disneyland. 'Girl With Balloon', which depicts a child reaching up toward a red balloon, was originally stenciled on a wall in London and has been endlessly reproduced, becoming one of Banksy's best-known images. **AP**

AROUND THE WORLD



THE TOY CAR OF YOUR DREAMS: Take one million Lego bricks and add a 5.3 horsepower engine — what do you get? A life-size, driveable Bugatti Chiron! The fully functioning vehicle, being showcased at the ongoing Paris auto show, comprises of 339 different types of Lego elements supported by a steel frame. It can accommodate up to two passengers and showcases many of the same design details of the original Chiron

Keira Knightley slams Kate over post-birth photo

Hollywood star Keira Knightley has slammed Kate Middleton over setting a false and unrealistic expectation for new mums after giving birth. Writing an essay called 'The Weaker Sex', Keira hit out at the impossible standard portrayed by

"perfect" Kate, as the Duchess of Cambridge, 36, stepped outside the hospital fully groomed, just hours after giving birth to each of her three children. Keira, 33, wrote: "We stand and watch the TV screen. (Kate) was out of hospital seven hours later with her face made up and high heels on. The

face the world wants to see." Keira — who gave birth to daughter Edie in 2015, believes women need to be far more honest about the brutal truth of childbirth, and didn't hold back when describing her experiences for the book 'Feminists Don't Wear Pink (and Other Lies)'. "I remember the s***, the vomit, the blood, the stitches. I remember my battleground. Your battleground and life pulsating. Surviving. And I am the weaker sex? You are?"

Rock used as doorstep was a meteorite worth \$100K
A Michigan man curious about a rock he'd used for decades as a doorstep now knows its secret: it's a meteorite worth \$100,000. In fact, the nearly 23-pound hunk of iron and nickel is the sixth largest meteorite found in Michigan, according to the Smithsonian Museum and Central Michigan University. David Mazurek said he took his doorstep to the university for

examination after seeing reports in January of meteorite pieces selling for thousands of dollars. "I said, 'Wait a minute. I wonder how much mine is worth,'" Mazurek said. He said the meteorite came with a barn he bought in 1988 in Edmore. He said the farmer who sold him the property told him it landed in his backyard in the 1930s.

TV reporter fired for wearing Trump hat at rally
A Minnesota television reporter who wore a "Make America Great Again" hat to a Trump rally that he was covering has been fired. James Bunner, who was a multimedia journalist for KTTX-TV in Austin, wore the hat on Thursday while covering President Trump's appearance in Rochester. News director Noel Sederstrom said the station does not allow staff members to cover stories while wearing apparel from political campaigns. Sederstrom says Bunner was fired on Friday.



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Shakib Al Hasan

Bangla star Shakib fears infected finger will never fully recover

Dhaka: Injured Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan fears his finger will never fully recover from an infection despite a planned second surgery in Australia this month. Shakib underwent an emergency operation on his finger on September 27 in Dhaka after it became affected by a bacterial infection while he was playing in the Asia Cup in the United Arab Emirates. Doctors cleared a large amount of pus from his infected finger and advised him to undergo a second surgery once the infection has cleared. "The main point is how I can cure the infection because my finger will never get back to 100 per cent normal," Shakib told reporters at Dhaka airport late on Friday as he left for Australia. "There is no chance of soft bone getting repaired again, it will not be completely okay, but with surgery they will put the hand into a shape from where I will be able to hold bat and continue playing cricket," he said. Shakib said he was unsure when his second surgery would be conducted as he was yet to fully recover from the infection. "The infection is my biggest tension. Unless it comes down to zero per cent, no surgeon will put a hand on it. If they do it, it will go into the bone, and if it goes into the bone, the entire hand will be spoilt," he said.

Pakistan cricketer Shehzad banned 4 months for doping: Pakistan Test cricketer Ahmed Shehzad was banned for four months for unspecified doping. Shehzad 'had no intent to cheat or enhance his performance', the Pakistan Cricket Board said in a statement on Friday. Shehzad was provisionally suspended on July 10 for a positive test following a domestic match. The PCB did not elaborate. It said his four-month suspension started from July 10. Shehzad has played 13 Tests, 81 one-day internationals, and 57 Twenty20s for Pakistan, and has scored centuries in all three formats.

BCCI reduces its complimentary passes to half after CoA meeting: The Committee of Administrators on Saturday sanctioned 600 extra complimentary tickets from BCCI's share to the staging units for the remainder of the West Indies series after multiple associations expressed their displeasure. As per new constitution, 90 per cent tickets were supposed to be released for general public with only 10 per cent complimentary passes for the staging associations. The BCCI had mandatory five per cent complimentary tickets for its sponsors and broadcasters. The situation led to an unrest as Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association gave up their hosting rights for Indore ODI on October 24. The CAB and TNCA also expressed their inability to host if prevailing arrangement existed. Accordingly, the CoA met in Delhi on Saturday and assured staging associations that BCCI will curtail its share of passes from 1200 to 604. "In the spirit of the mandate of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Committee of Administrators has decided to limit the BCCI's requirement for sponsor and other free allotments as much as possible from 1200 to 604, so that the number of complimentary tickets available to the hosting State Association is maximised," the CoA wrote in a communication to state units. Accordingly, the BCCI will take 184 hospitality passes and 420 next best category per match during the series. There was relief for CAB as well as membership tickets won't be categorised in the 10 per cent allocation as per the new constitution. AGENCIES

INDIA WIN IT BIG IN RAJKOT

Kuldeep 5-For Helps Hosts Win Test In 3 Days

Rajkot: India pulled off their biggest win over West Indies in one of the most ludicrous mismatches in recent times, inflicting on the hapless visitors an innings and 272-run humiliation inside three days in the first Test here Saturday. India dominated the game, amassing 649 for nine in their first innings before bowling out the West Indies twice on day three, to take a 1-0 lead in the two-match series.

They were bundled out for 181 in 48 overs before lunch and were expectedly forced to follow-on. They did not fare any better in the second innings, crumbling to 196 all out in 50.5 overs in the final session. While Ravichandran Ashwin (4/37) was the pick of the bowlers in the morning, Kuldeep Yadav (5/57) was all over the opposition batsmen in the second innings on way to a maiden five-wicket haul in Tests.

The second and final Test will be played in Hyderabad from October 12-16. The West Indies will have to lift themselves to put up a better performance after being thoroughly outplayed in Rajkot. The absence of captain Jason Holder and pacer Kemar Roach also added to their woes.

For India, the game will be best remembered for the emergence of Prithvi Shaw, who announced his arrival in international cricket with a classy hundred on debut, becoming the youngest from the country to do so in Tests. Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja were the other centuries.

By tea on Saturday, it beca-

me clear that the game will be done and dusted inside three days with the West Indies batsmen cutting a sorry picture at 185 for eight.

Opener Kieran Powell was the only West Indian batsmen to make a significant contribution in the second essay, an entertaining 83 off 93 balls with eight boundaries and four sixes.

Ashwin was their main tormentor in the morning and in the afternoon it was Kuldeep's turn to dominate. The opposition batsmen, who needed to bat for time, seemed to be in a hurry to finish the game. Punishing a loose ball is fine but they went for far too many strokes and paid the price for their recklessness.

Kuldeep thrived on that, mixing it up nicely to fox the batsmen. After he trapped Shai Hope in front for his first wicket, he removed the highly-rated Shim-

ron Hetmyer who went for a wild slog across the line to be caught at short third man. He used his googly to send back Sunil Ambris, who stepped out without having any idea of the way the ball will turn.

In the morning session, Ashwin produced a brilliant spell as India enforced the follow-on.

At lunch, the West Indies were 33 for one in nine overs in their second innings with Ashwin removing skipper Kraigg Brathwaite (10) for his fourth wicket of the day.

The West Indies, resuming their first innings at 94 for six, lasted only an hour and 10 minutes, mainly due to efforts of Roston Chase (53) and Keemo Paul (47) who ended up sharing a 73-run stand. Ashwin ran through the tail on a pitch offering plenty of turn, ending with four for 37 in 11 overs as the West Indies were all out in 48 overs. PTI

SCOREBOARD

India, 1st innings: 649-9 dec West Indies, 1st innings (Overnight 84/6): R Chase b Ashwin 53, K Paul c Pujara b U Yadav 47, D Bishoo not out 17, S Lewis b Ashwin 0, S Gabriel st Pant b Ashwin 1; **Extras** (b16, lb2) 18; **Total (48 overs) 181; FoW:** 1-2, 2-7, 3-21, 4-32, 5-49, 6-74, 7-147, 8-159, 9-159; **Bowling:** Shami 9-2-22-2, U Yadav 11-3-20-1, Ashwin 11-2-37-4, Jadeja 7-1-22-1, K Yadav 10-1-62-1
West Indies, 2nd innings: K

Brathwaite c Shaw b Ashwin 10, K Powell c Shaw b K Yadav 83, S Hope lbw b K Yadav 17, S Hetmyer c Rahul b K Yadav 11, S Ambris st Pant b K Yadav 0, R Chase c Ashwin b K Yadav 20, S Dowrich n.o. 16, K Paul c U Yadav n Jadeja 15, D Bishoo c Pant b Ashwin 9, S Lewis lbw b Jadeja 4, S Gabriel c K Yadav b Jadeja 4; **Extras** (b5, lb1, nb1) 7; **Total (50.5 overs) 196; FoW:** 1-32, 2-79, 3-97, 4-97, 5-138, 6-151, 7-172, 8-185, 9-192; **Bowling:** Shami 3-0-11-0, Ashwin 18-2-71-2, U Yadav 3-0-16-0, K Yadav 14-2-57-5, Jadeja 12.5-1-35-3.



R Ashwin and teammates appeal successfully against Devendra Bishoo on Day Three of the Rajkot Test

'Shaw showed he has a different quality'

Rajkot: Prithvi Shaw is a "different quality" player and that's why the youngster was rushed into the Test team, gushed an elated India captain Virat Kohli after the Mumbai teenager was adjudged Man-of-the-Match for his century on Test debut against the West Indies. Shaw became the youngest Indian batsman, fourth overall, to score a hundred on Test debut. He began his Test journey with a 134-run knock, opening the innings for India.

"Delighted for Prithvi and Jaddu. Playing his first game, seeing him dominate — the guy (Shaw) showed he is different quality. That's why he's been pushed to the Test team. It is exciting to see from the captain's perspective," Kohli said. "Jaddu as well — he has got important runs for us before and we wanted him to get three figures. We believe he can turn matches for us," Kohli added.

Saurashtra all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja also had a memorable game as he scored his maiden Test ton. Kohli also credited the pace duo of Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav for putting the opposition under pressure. "If you see the first innings, the way Umesh and Shami ran into bowl. Few wickets with the new ball and you can put the opposition under pressure. Shami took wickets on a pitch that was offering nothing."

Asked about the impressive overate, Kohli said more than the players it's the umpires, who are responsible. "It was a bit to do with the umpires pushing us as well. With the new rule of not drinking water. The guys struggled a bit because of that, it was difficult for guys to bat 45 minutes without water. I'm sure they'll look at those rules and adjust it for conditions."

Asked about the difference in conditions between Rajkot and England, where India lost the test series 1-4 last month, Kohli said the two can not be compared. "That was a bigger challenge. We understand that with the ability we have, we will dominate in these conditions. We were very clinical," Kohli said.

Shaw said it was a good start to his Test career. "It was a great win. Scoring myself and getting the team to a win on my debut, couldn't have imagined it so I feel good. Whenever you play international cricket, there is always a challenge. I was looking to play my natural game, the way I play in First Class cricket, and play the ball on the merit." PTI



Shannon Gabriel is stumped out by Rishabh Pant on the third day of the first Test on Saturday

Our batsmen need to trust their defence: Brathwaite

Rajkot: The West Indies batsmen were guilty of playing too much attacking shots in the first Test against India and going forward stand-in captain Kraigg Brathwaite said they would have to find the right balance between caution and aggression. "Going forward what we need to do is along with the attacking shots, trust in defence. I think that's the key," said Brathwaite after the match.

"Obviously when the field goes back, it's a matter of still staying positive in defence also and putting away the bad balls, stroking the ball along the ground for singles. I just don't think we didn't trust our defence as much as we should have," he said.

It was an embarrassing loss for the West Indies who were bowled out twice on day three. Brathwaite said debutant Prithvi Shaw's knock was an example of how to build an innings.

The West Indies batsmen had little clue while facing the Indian spinners.

"I think what they can look at is how India batted. We saw the guys getting in and backing themselves. Obviously, Shaw was quite attacking, he was 100 per cent into what he was doing. Kohli obviously came in, took his time and flourished," he said.

"I think if we can learn from them, that will put us in good stead going forward. Obviously a few nerves, it's Test cricket so it is never easy but we need to take a page out of their book and take that into our batting. Trust in defence and obviously when you attack, go 100 per cent as well," Brathwaite said referring to his inexperienced unit.

Brathwaite said that his team prepared well for the India tour though it got only a two-day warm-up game before the opening Test. PTI

Kuldeep worked on bowling after Lord's

Rajkot: Kuldeep Yadav says his maiden five-wicket haul in Test cricket was a result of going back to the drawing board in his bid to improve as a red-ball bowler after being dropped from the Indian team during the England series. Kuldeep bowled only once during the five Test series in England, going wicket-less at Lord's before being ignored for the final two Tests.

Constantly switching between formats, Kuldeep came back home and bowled long red-ball spells under the watchful eyes of his personal coach before the two-match home A series against Australia. Next up was Asia Cup, a white-ball competition.

"It is very difficult to switch to red ball from white ball and vice versa, especially for a wrist spinner. It is challenging because you take time to get used to it. White ball is on the harder side, grips better. Red ball wears down faster, gets soft," Kuldeep said after becoming the first Indian chinaman to pick five wickets.

"After coming back from England, I went to my coach at home, bowled with the red ball for three four days. It was difficult because after playing white ball format you lose rhythm with the red ball. I mainly focused on release of red ball, bowling slower as you tend to bowl faster with white-ball."

The extra practice helped as he picked up eight wickets against Australia A in the second unofficial Test.



He did not get many opportunities in England but when asked what went wrong at the Lord's, where he wicket-less in nine overs, he said: "In England I was thinking bowling good length but that time I was not much used to the Duke ball. The Duke red ball is harder than the SG so you need probably 10-15 days to get used to the ball."

The fact that the Test series in England came after three limited overs series in the UK, made preparation a tad tougher for Kuldeep. "But I got my confidence back after taking five wickets against Australia A."

Fast forward to Rajkot, and the 23-year-old could not get into the groove in the first innings but bowled much better in the second.

"First innings I did not anticipate that they (West Indies batsmen) will attack me so much. But they were going for their strokes so in the second innings I did not fight the ball as much, kept it tight and got the wickets. They have a lot of power hitters and if you give them too much flight, you could end up leaking runs. PTI

New spin bowling coach? Siva throws hat in ring

Rajkot: India's spinners were all over the West Indies in the first Test at the SCA Stadium here but they're unlikely to get as much help from the pitch when they tour abroad, especially in white-ball cricket.

Following recent reports that the Indian team management has expressed the need for a spin bowling coach after the poor show in England, then former India leg-spinner Laxman Sivaramakrishnan says he is ready to throw his hat in the ring.

"I'd like to help our spinners till the World Cup in the role of spin consultant/coach, if the BCCI approaches me with an offer. The middle overs — from 11 to 40 — is the period when we need to pick up the wickets. If our spinners take five wickets in this period for about 150, they'd have done their job. Otherwise, you're looking at a potentially dangerous situation, where the opposition's middle order is set to lunch into a slog in the last 10 overs," Sivaramakrishnan told TOI on Saturday.

The ex-leggie, who made his Test debut at just 17 in the early 1980s, was rated highly before fading away after taking 26 wickets in nine Tests. "All



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"Both Chahal and Kuldeep have the conventional leg-break and the googly, but they can add a top-spinner to their repertoire. They also need to be careful to not overuse the googly."

Laxman Sivaramakrishnan | FORMER SPINNER

our spinners are good, but need fine-tuning," he said, before analysing the spinners.

"Kuldeep Yadav's balance while delivering the ball needs to improve. His body isn't synchronized properly, and his arms aren't rotating in a round manner while delivering the ball. Yuzuvendra Chahal tends to drift to the leg and middle, which means the batsmen can look to smash

him to mid-wicket, which is likely to be vacant since the two fielders on the on-side are likely to be stationed at deep square leg (for the sweep shot) and long-on. If he bowls on or outside off stump, the batsmen will be forced to drive him on the off side, where he can have three fielders — two at point, cover, and long off protecting him. His googly will also become more dangerous then — of the batsman

Paine-led Australia look to move on from 'Sandpapergate'

Dubai: Australia's hopes of winning back respect and moving on from a ball-tampering scandal that plunged the team into disgrace face their first Test on Sunday when Tim Paine's rebuilding side meet Pakistan in the series-opener in Dubai.

With former captain Steve Smith, and opening batsmen David Warner and Cameron Bancroft serving suspensions for 'Sandpapergate', the Australians have brought a vastly different squad to the Middle East from the one belted 3-1 in South Africa six months ago.

A whole third of the 15 in the United Arab Emirates have yet to play a test, and Paine's side will feature three uncapped players when they head out into the Dubai heat to play Sarfraz Ahmed-captained Pakistan in the first match.



Tim Paine

Paine will be supported by a new vice-captain in all-rounder Mitchell Marsh and a new coach in former test opener Justin Langer.

Change is also in the air back in Australia, with the nation's cricket board announcing a successor to long-serving CEO James Sutherland, even before the release of a review into the board's culture and governance.

With a separate review in-

to the culture of the men's team also set to land, Australia will be under plenty of scrutiny during the two-test series which finishes in Abu Dhabi.

Paine, who many feel is only a caretaker captain until Smith becomes eligible for the role again, has no illusions about the scale of the task.

"We want to build a culture that makes people want to be better and produce not only better cricketers but better people," he told Fairfax Media.

"If we can do that, that's the sort of environment people want to be involved in and that culture spreads really quickly through the team rather than having to try and sell your culture all the time — just set that culture, live that culture, and guys that want to be involved will carry it through." REUTERS

Mourinho gets international break to solve issues

Simon Peach

Jose Mourinho's position as manager of Manchester United is not under immediate threat. Weeks of speculation and scrutiny came to a head with suggestions on Friday evening that the 55-year-old was set to be sacked, irrespective of the outcome of Saturday's Premier League clash with Newcastle. Poor performances have been compounded by off-field problems during an uncomfortable start to the season at Old Trafford, with the relationship between Mourinho and

star midfielder Paul Pogba creating unwanted headlines. Last weekend's 3-1 loss at West Ham made this United's worst start to a league campaign in 29 years but senior sources at the club have strongly denied that the Portuguese will be fired this weekend. Mourinho is set to get the international break to turn things around after the match against Newcastle. While it is understood that patience is wearing thin among the United hierarchy, the immediacy of Friday's reports sent ripples around the football world.



CATCH YOUR BREATH: Jose's United job is not under immediate threat

Gary Neville was asked about it after Sky Sports' coverage of Friday's match between Brighton and West Ham, with the former United

favourite saying that "there is something rotten to the core". Neville accused the United board of "playing Football Manager with the biggest club in the world" and said "the tail is wagging the dog at the football club". Asked if it would be the right decision to sack Mourinho, he said after a long pause: "No. To be honest I'm furious. I'm furious going back three, four years ago when David Moyes was sacked, when it broke a day before to journalists. "I think of Louis van Gaal being sacked the evening of a cup final and

finding out from other people. I think about how the club's been operated. "Where's the values and the principles of Manchester United if this is true? That the journalists find out and it isn't announced at the right time? "At the end of the day this is now going on five or six years and I have to say that any manager — Jose Mourinho is one of the best managers in the world — and I think in this moment in time any manager would struggle in that football club, the way in which it operates. I'm furious that we're stood here thinking that there's a report that's broken out." © THE INDEPENDENT

QUICK FIX

Spurs Bounce Back With Narrow Win

Paris: Cardiff City's Premier League woes continued as they had a man sent off in a 1-0 defeat by Tottenham Hotspur at Wembley Stadium on Saturday. Eric Dier scored his first league goal since April 2017 after eight minutes when the ball fell to the Englishman to tap in from six yards out. Tottenham lost to Barcelona midweek in the Champions League.

Gylfi Sigurdsson struck a glorious 77th-minute winner to earn Everton a 2-1 win at 10-man Leicester City. The Icelandic skilfully turned James Maddison before curling a long-distance effort past Kasper Schmeichel — his 50th Premier League goal — to end Leicester's fading resistance after they had lost captain Wes Morgan to two yellow cards.

Josh King struck twice as Bournemouth earned their biggest top-flight away win with a 4-0 thumping of 10-man Watford. AGENCIES
EPL results: Burnley 1 (Vokes 20) Huddersfield 1 (Schindler 66); Crystal Palace 0 Wolves 1; Leicester 1 (Pereira 40) Everton 2 (Richarlison 7, Sigurdsson 77); Tottenham 1 (Dier 8) Cardiff 0; Watford 0 Bournemouth 4 (Brooks 14, King 33-pen, 45, Wilson 47).



EARLY STRIKE: Tottenham's Eric Dier (L) celebrates after scoring

FOCUS ON YOUR JOB: PIRES TELLS POGBA

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Mumbai: The prickly relationship between Manchester United manager Jose Mourinho and the club's star midfielder Paul Pogba has dominated headlines in world football, with many experts citing the discord between the two as one of the main reasons behind the Red Devils' current woes.

Who is to blame in this dispute is one of the hot debates at the moment. Pogba's compatriot Robert Pires isn't

interested in joining that conversation. In a chat with TOI, the former World Cup winner said: "To be honest, I don't know what's happened inside and I don't care because it's not my problem."

"But I know Paul Pogba, and if I have advice for Paul, it is you need to be focused on your job, to be focused on what you can do on the pitch because you are a great player," said Pires, who is currently in India embracing his role as a LaLiga ambassador. "If United spend a lot of money for you, it's because you have great quality and because you can help United to win trophies. I talk especially for the players, so I repeat, he (Pogba) needs to be focused on his job."



PIRES

ALCACER'S TRICK IN DORTMUND WIN

Berlin: Paco Alcacer came off the bench to score a hat-trick, including a free kick with the last kick of the game, to give Bundesliga leaders Borussia Dortmund a dramatic 4-3 win over Augsburg on Saturday. An extraordinary see-saw match produced four goals in the last ten minutes as Borussia hit back from 2-1 down to lead 3-2, defiant Augsburg equalised and Alcacer grabbed the winner.

PIZARRO, 40, STILL MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Two days after his 40th birthday, Claudio Pizarro came off the bench to set up Werder Bremen's insurance goal in a 2-0 win over Wolfsburg in the Bundesliga.

Klopp has not solved City puzzle, says Pep

Paris: Pep Guardiola has dismissed the idea that Liverpool have worked his Manchester City side out, despite beating them on three separate occasions last season. Juergen Klopp and Guardiola meet again at Anfield on Sunday and, when asked what he would say to those who suggest Liverpool have "worked out" City, he scoffed. "Good, congratulations, they are right," Guardiola joked, before taking a more serious tone. "So, we won the Premier League. They are top side even if we win, the way they play.

"Liverpool beat us, they beat a lot of teams not just Manchester City. Liverpool is one of the two greatest teams in England." Guardiola added: "We won at home and lose there (at Anfield), knock-out of the Champions League is completely different."

"Also, we lose against Mo-

“We won the Premier League. They are top side even if we win. I don't feel unbeatable, not even last season, so everybody can beat us. It is part of the game. You have to learn. Anfield is special and it depends how we approach the game.”
—Pep Guardiola

HEAD TO HEAD

Klopp vs Guardiola

Wins	8-5
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EPL FORM GUIDE

L'pool	D	W	W	W	W
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naco in the Champions League (in 2016-17) and against Shakhtar (in last season's group stages). I don't feel unbeatable." © THE INDEPENDENT

FREE KICKS

SOCIEDAD WIN BASQUE DERBY

"El Clásico sin argumentos" is how one supporter described it and for more than a century it largely has been, save the odd spat here and there. Athletic Bilbao and Real Sociedad first met in 1909 and the trajectories of two of Spain's most historic clubs have been interwoven ever since. They played again on Friday, Real Sociedad winning 3-1, thanks to some of the same players that have given extra spice to a rivalry traditionally defined by its good nature. Sociedad coach Asier Garitano said the result was what his side had deserved for their unrewarded efforts in recent weeks. "The team has been committed in every game and made a lot of effort." AGENCIES

Nishikori makes Japan Open final

Tokyo: Home favourite Kei Nishikori defeated Frenchman Richard Gasquet 7-6(2), 6-1 in the semi-finals of the Japan Open on Saturday, setting up a final against Russian qualifier Daniil Medvedev.

The Japanese world No. 12 was made to battle during a tough first set as Gasquet saved three break points to take Nishikori to a tie-break.

TENNIS ROUNDUP

The Frenchman had won five tie-breaks already this week in Tokyo but couldn't find the magic formula this time as Nishikori saved his best for when it counted winning 7-2 in the tie-break after a long first set lasting almost an hour.

Del Potro into Beijing final after Fognini pulls out

Beijing: Juan Martin del Potro has gone straight into Sunday's final of the China Open after Italy's Fabio Fognini pulled out of

their semi-final.

Organisers in Beijing confirmed that Fognini, who was chasing a fourth title of the season, was out of the tournament injured.

The Argentine top seed Del Potro will face either Britain's fifth seed Kyle Edmund or unseeded Nikoloz Basilashvili of Georgia in the final.

Osaka 'stressed out' by great expectations after US Open

Beijing: Naomi Osaka admitted that she gets "stressed out" trying to live up to "the hype" after the US Open champion was beaten in the China Open semifinals on Saturday.

The 20-year-old Japanese, who struggled with a back injury in losing 6-4, 6-4 to unseeded Anastasija Sevastova, opened up afterwards on dealing with ramped-up expectations. "I think definitely as the weeks go by, I have this feeling of wanting to prove myself. I think that sort of takes a toll on me a little bit because I stress myself out in a way," said Osaka. AGENCIES

Hamilton storms to 80th pole in Japan

Suzuka: Formula One leader Lewis Hamilton seized a record-extending 80th pole position at the Japanese Grand Prix on Saturday, timing his sole flying lap to perfection while Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel managed only ninth.

The Mercedes driver, in dominant form all weekend at the Suzuka circuit, pumped in a one-minute 27.760-second lap on the super-soft tyres while it was still only just spitting with rain. Vettel and Kimi Raikkonen, who went out on intermediate tyres in the final part of qualifying with the track still dry, lost time coming back in to fit the super-soft tyres. REUTERS

Dibaba to participate in Delhi Half Marathon

New Delhi: Three-time Olympic gold medalist distance runner Tirunesh Dibaba will be one of the star attractions at the Delhi Half Marathon scheduled to be held on October 21. The Ethiopian legend, who is the current 5000m world record holder, has won five world titles on the track as well as four world cross country championships victories.

In the wake of her third place finish at the prestigious Berlin Marathon last month, where she had her third under 2:19 run over the classic distance in the last 18 months, the Ethiopian will be chasing the Delhi course record.

Dibaba will have compatriot Ababel Yeshaneh to give her company.

Vishwakarma, Mahak win tennis Nationals

New Delhi: Siddharth Vishwakarma overwhelmed title-favourite and top seed Arjun Kadhe to emerge new national tennis champion while Mahak Jain outplayed Natsaha Palha to defend the women's singles crown at nationals here on Saturday. Left-handed Vishwakarma's impressive run culminated with a 6-2, 6-7(2), 6-3 win over Kadhe, who is ranked 358 against a humble 1221st ranking of the new champion. PTI

Mozambique fancied in Hyderabad

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New Delhi: Mozambique should lift the K Srinivas Reddy Memorial Cup at the Hyderabad races on Sunday. Selections: 1st race: Moka 1, One One One 2, Air Salute 3. 2nd race: New State 1, Escobar 2, Rose Petal

3. 3rd race: Invasion 1, All That Jazz 2, Red Striker 3. 4th race: Mozambique 1, Ashka Ashka Ashka 2, Meritocracy 3.

Oak favoured

Oak Brook should win the Star Precision Plate the Kolkata races on Sunday.

Rayhan cards 65 to get into contention in Asia-Pacific golf

Singapore: Rayhan Thomas compiled a bogey free 5-under 65 to go with his Indian record-setting 64 a day earlier to put himself in contention with one more round to go at the Asia-Pacific Amateur Golf Championships here. The Dubai-based Thomas, who turns 19 in five weeks, is now tied 8th at 7-under 203 and just three behind the leader and Lin Yuxin, the defending champion. Lin Yuxin, who will turn 18 in six days time, played with the Indian and exploded with the week's best of 8-under 62 to take sole lead at 10-under 200.

Lahiri misses cut

Napa: Anirban Lahiri could not improve on his score significantly as he added a one-under 71 to his first round 73 and missed the cut at the PGA TOUR's season-opening Safeway Open here. Lahiri had four birdies against one bogey and one double, but he needed something much lower than 71 to ensure weekend action, as the cut went at 3-under. Brandt Snedeker birdied the final two holes for a 7-under 65 and a three-stroke lead over Phil Mickelson and two others.

Madappa placed third

Linkou: Viraj Madappa, who became the youngest Indian to win on the Asian Tour last month, put himself in contention for another title as he shot a fine 5-under 67 at the Yeangder Tournament Players Championship Saturday. He moved within a shot of the co-leaders, American John Catlin and local hope Hung Chien-yao. Madappa was seven-under 209 and tied third in the tournament. Hung shot 68 and Catlin carded two-under-par 70 to share the third round lead and they were one shot ahead of Madappa, Panuphol Pittayarat (71) and Korean-American Sihwan Kim (69) at the Linkou International Golf and Country Club.

Lakshya to spearhead India's challenge at Jr. Worlds

New Delhi: Reigning Asian junior champion Lakshya Sen will spearhead India's campaign at the BWF World Junior Badminton Championships, to be held in Markham, Canada from November 5-18. A 24-member squad including 13 boys and 11 girls will represent India in the tournament. PTI

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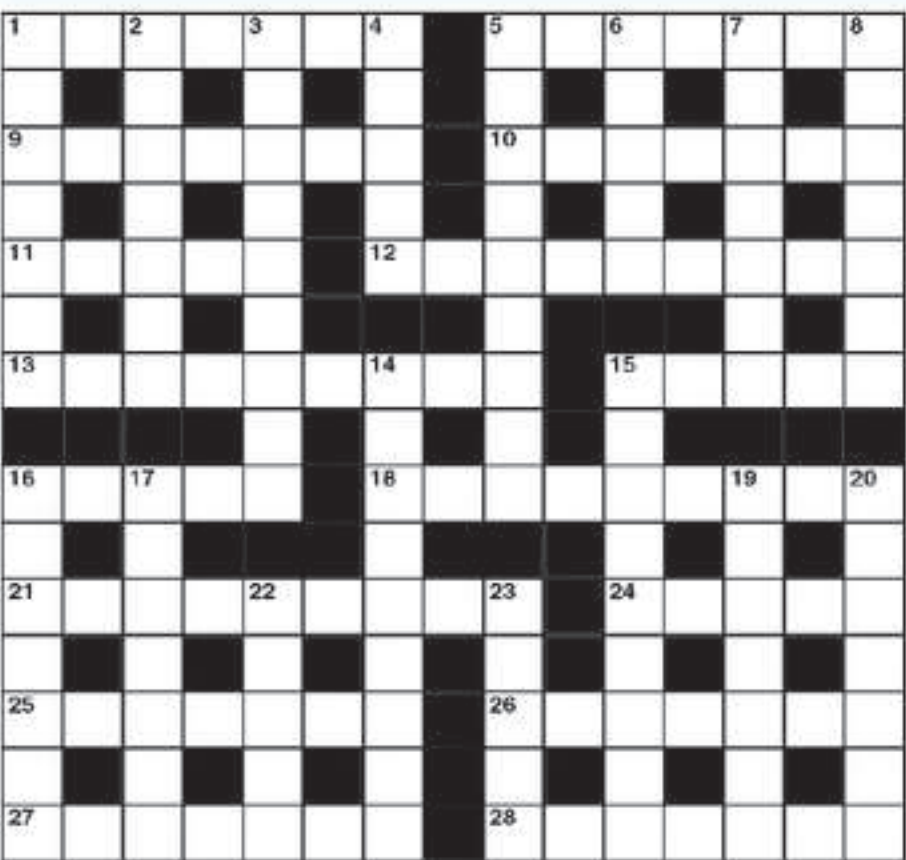
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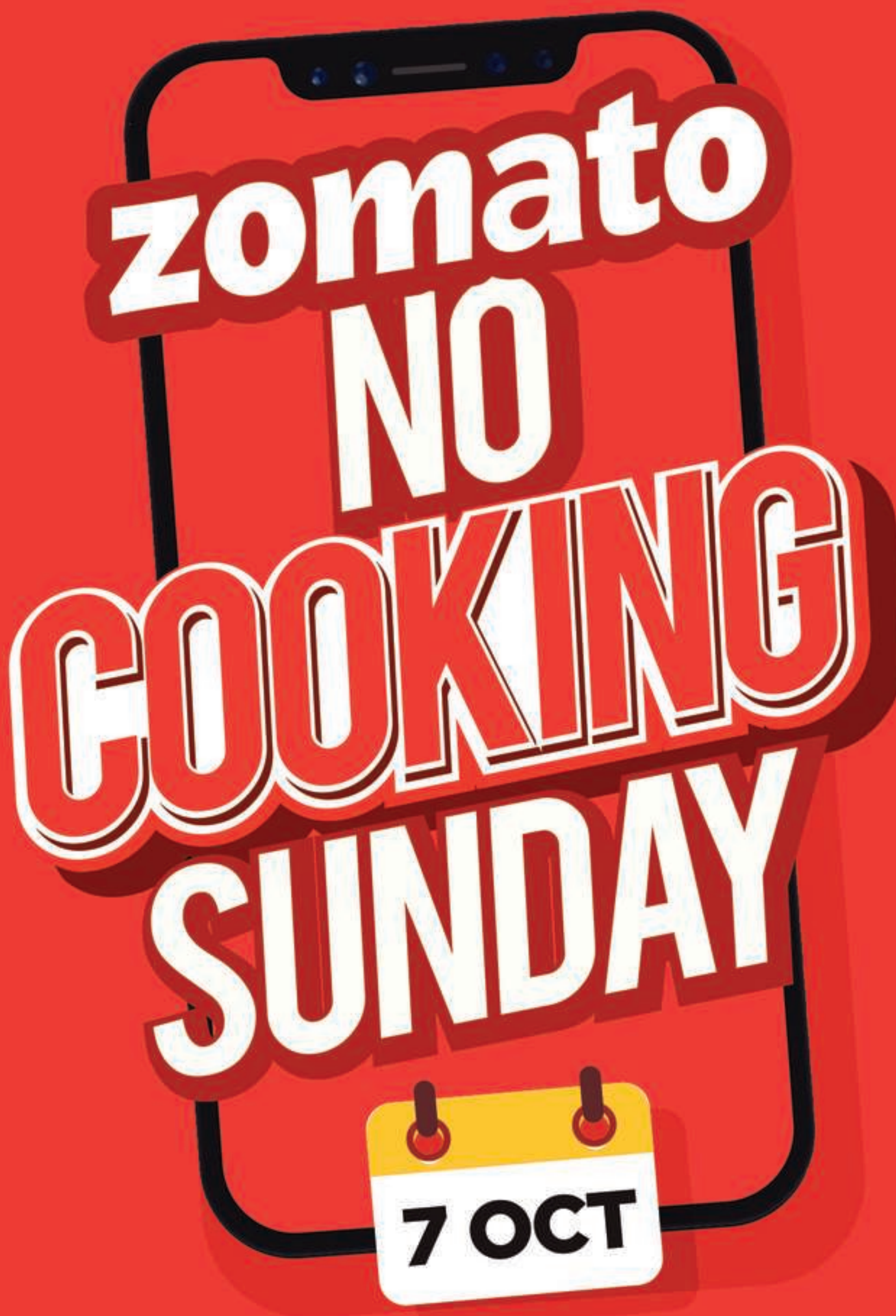
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16 A double rum is put out for a Japanese officer (7)
17 The personification of cunning (7)
19 He has no faith in new field setting (7)
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23 In Australia, football is supreme (5) |
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1 Belonging to distant past (7)
5 Think carefully (7)
9 Self-disciplined (7)
10 Flat, treeless grassland (7)
11 Small band of musicians (5)
12 Vanguard of attack (9)
13 To bungle (9)
15 Bishops' headdress (5)
16 Prepared (5)
18 Content (9)
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24 Porcelain (5)
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26 Appear (7)
27 Amplify (7)
28 Gather together (7) | DOWN
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8 Foot-operated lever (7)
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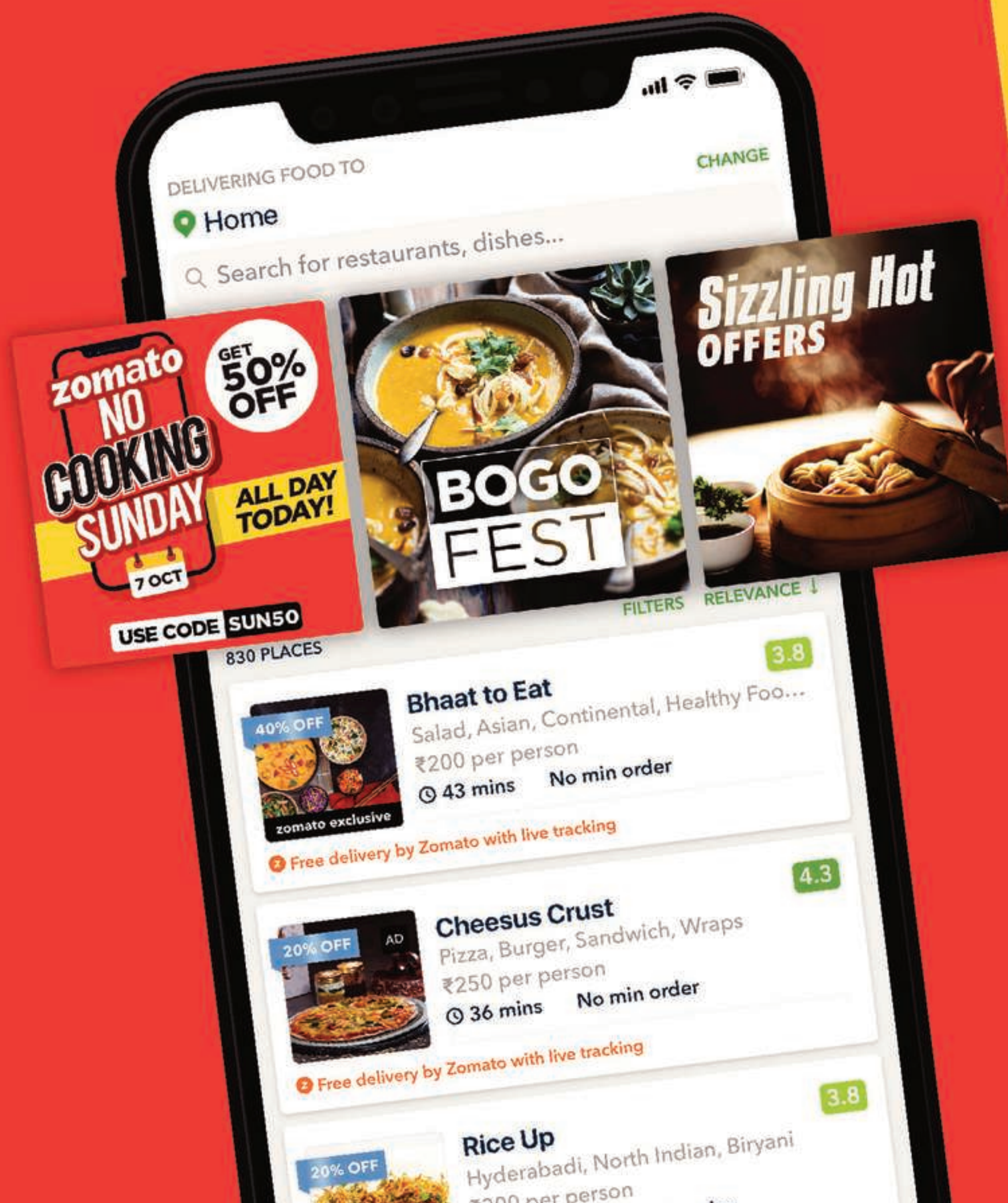
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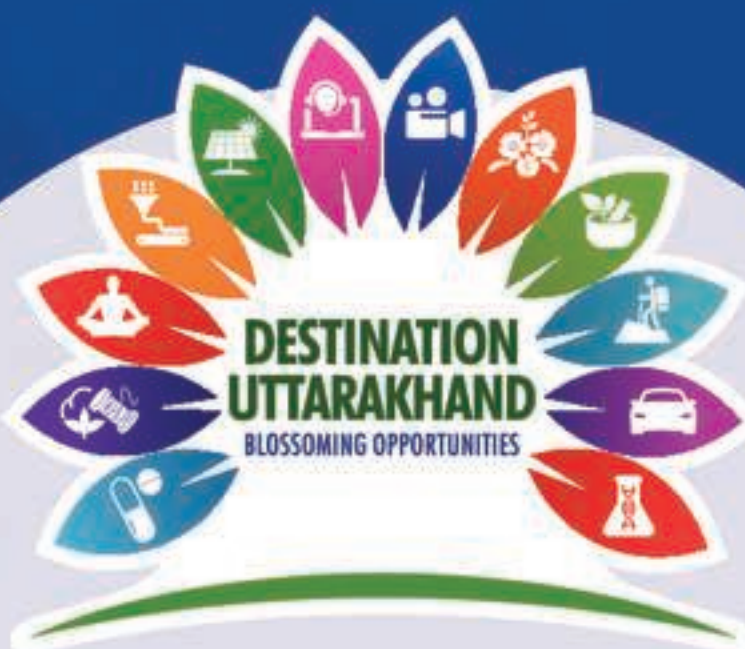


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Why adults are telling stories on stage

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Priti Mutha was already struggling with post-partum depression when her father passed away unexpectedly. Her mind was full of thoughts she wanted to share but she had no one to talk to about. That's when she came across The Narrative, a live and personal storytelling show based in Chennai. "I don't know if it was fate, but the topic of the show was personal loss, and it felt as if it was meant to be. When I shared my story with a room full of strangers, I felt a release. Storytelling changed me as a person," says Mutha, 31, who has now started her own storytelling show.

Storytelling is one of the oldest forms of entertainment but it's found new life in India thanks to a proliferation of live storytelling events and competitive story slams over the last few years. From confessional stories about substance abuse to embarrassing dates, these events give ordinary people the chance to tell their stories in front of an audience that truly listens.

The thing that differentiates storytelling from other forms of live performance such as stand-up comedy, for instance, is that the point is not to make people laugh, but creating a relationship with the audience. "Because it is a room full of strangers, there is no judgement or unsolicited advice. What's interesting is even though you don't know these people, but because you share something real, the next time you see them, you are friends," says Mutha.

Roshan Abbas, co-founder of the popular storytelling show Kommune, says, "It's validation on both sides. For the performer, they feel like what they're saying resonated with people and the audience feels less alone because they're watching someone say the thing they're too scared to put out there."

Kommune is structured as a story slam, loosely modelled on The Moth, a popular US-based live storytelling show. This means that the audience votes on a winner at the end of the night. From Hussain Haidry's frank discussion of the multitudes contained in his identity as a Muslim man in India, to Mini Mathur's funny anecdote of her number being leaked on the internet while she was a host on Indian Idol, the videos of their sessions amass thousands of views on YouTube. "Because it is competitive, we also do workshops to train people in technique and the nuances of performance. A lot of people look at videos of storytelling online and assume



Anuj Kumbhat tells a story about embarrassing behaviour on Facebook earlier this year at a Kommune slam

they can do it. It's not as simple as that," says Abbas.

Tall Tales, India's longest-running live storytelling event series, came into existence six years ago after founder Michael Burns began devouring videos of true stories online. "I believe that real life is so much funnier, crazier, and full of impossibility than anything anyone could make up. We focus on working with regular, everyday people from all ages and walks of life. We don't like to feature celebrities or even semi-celebrities," says Burns.

One of these regular people is Nasir Engineer, a 28-year-old improvisational theatre

Rabia Kapoor discusses her regrets about the way she has treated her younger brother in her story at a Kommune story slam

artist. He has performed at Tall Tales seven or eight times in Bengaluru and Mumbai, and the first story that he performed in 2012 was simply about losing one glove from a pair while trekking. "The thing I love about storytelling is how differently it's made me look at my memories. It makes me remember all of these small details that I would have otherwise just forgotten," he says.

For Indu Divya, founder of The Narrative, the value of personal stories is that we all have them. She says, "Organizing these events has made me realize the power of sharing our internal narrative—our hopes, fears and dreams. We open the floor up to questions after our show so people can ask the storytellers anything they'd like."

Storytelling is certainly expanding in India, Engineer says there are shows and workshops every other week in Bengaluru,

and Mutha sees new faces at every show she does. People are also paying to watch people tell their stories. While some shows do have free admission, both Tall Tales and Kommune have ticketed shows. Some, however, are skeptical of the boom. Burns says, "There is a ton of misunderstanding about what a story is and what makes a good live performance of a story. It certainly is improving but storytelling is actually an art form that needs to be understood and practiced. However, experimenting and failure is the best teacher so it really excites us that people are trying."

Abbas isn't too surprised by "the flood of content". "This generation is used to turning the camera on itself and just talking because of Snapchat and Instagram stories. But social media is the presentation of the best moments of your life. I think storytelling is becoming popular because it's a presentation of your life as it really is." From opening up about sexual abuse by a teacher to discussing the sleazy habits of Bollywood producers, performers are fostering the kind of intimacy and vulnerability on stage that is usually reserved for our closest friends.

for suggesting the community toolkit.

After Strickland's Nobel win, it was revealed that a Wikipedia moderator had rejected a draft on her in May arguing that the references cited did not qualify her for an article. The website's extensive sourcing requirements only allow verifiable secondary sources such as books, journals newspapers and magazines to be cited. Ed Erhart of the Wikimedia Foundation acknowledged that these "systematically disadvantage entire swathes of people and regions of the world that don't have much, if any, published material about them".

Freelance science writer Harini Barath, who helped organise three Indian Women in Science editathons, agrees that the insistence that "notability must be proved with references" often leaves out women scientists who don't have an online presence that is deemed adequate, leading to pages being flagged or deleted, as in Strickland's case.

"There aren't many references because women don't get their due as much as men when it comes to being published or getting recognition for their work," Lakshane says. "Their work gets appropriated and there is a dearth of what Wikipedia considers to be reliable sources. So if you're a woman artisan in India, there will not be much to cite about you."

In this, the site often mirrors the disparities of the world at large. "The internet is made by people, and online biases reflect the society we live in," says Pasricha. Overlooking Strickland was seen by many as a reflection of the marginalisation of women scientists in the public eye. "There is this stereotype of what a scientist looks like: a crazy man with a white beard in a dusty lab," says science writer Aashima Dogra, whose online project The Life of Science, tries to fill this gap. Started in 2016, it features biographies of more than 100 women scientists, along with webcomics and podcasts. She and project co-founder Nandita Jayaraj are now working on two books, but they are also being cited in Wikipedia articles on India's women scientists.

"We found that there are many prize-worthy women scientists in India too, but there is an invisibility about them that stems from a patriarchal work culture and rules that hold women back," says Dogra. Hopefully, the next generation of Indian women scientists will have more Wikipedia pages to inspire them.

Trees and their tall tales

When I first came to live in the hills, I had as my nearest neighbour a sturdy walnut tree. Every year, when the rains were over, it would produce a generous amount of walnuts. But before I could gather any, the small boys from a nearby village would be up the tree, helping themselves to the nuts. At that time, I was nearly forty, no longer agile enough to climb trees, so to the victors went the spoils! I'll say this for the boys, they did present me with a pocketful of walnuts before leaving.

That old walnut tree was one of the victims when a road was blasted through the grounds of the cottage I'd rented, and I had to move further up the hill. But almost every village in the lower Himalayas, from Kashmir to Kumaon, can boast of several handsome walnut trees, and I am surprised that there are not more of them, for we could be exporting walnuts instead of importing expensive walnuts from America and elsewhere.

The ancients (both in Asia and Europe) believed that the walnut was good for the brain, its kernel being shaped just like the human brain. Let's call it sympathetic medicine.



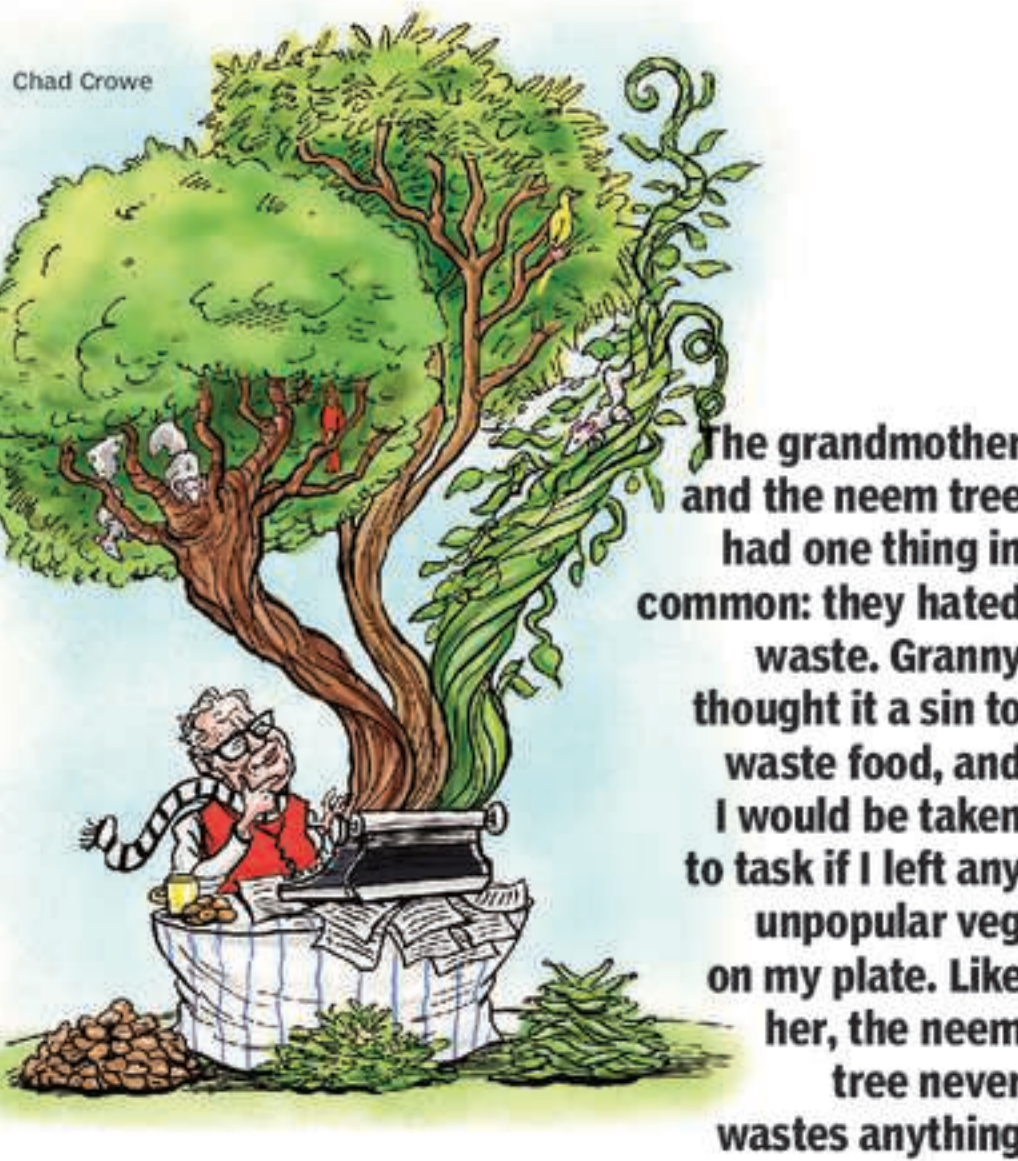
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they were being crushed by pedestrians, cyclists, pony carts, bullock carts. And as they were crushed, they combined with the rain to give out a fresh and invigorating aroma. That was over fifty years ago, but the memory of that heady fragrance remains with me.

My love is like a bean field in blossom.... So wrote the nature poet John Clare, and this was certainly a change from poets comparing their loves to delicate lilies and bashful roses. And a bean field gives you something in return for the love you bestow upon it.

The bean is a generous plant. You can eat the beans when they are green and succulent. Or when they are dry, you can eat the pods or legumes. Baked beans on toast! As a young man living alone in London, I survived on beans on toast for over two years; there wasn't much else that I could afford.

Here, in the lower Himalayas, the lovely green bean



The grandmother and the neem tree had one thing in common: they hated waste. Granny thought it a sin to waste food, and I would be taken to task if I left any unpopular veg on my plate. Like her, the neem tree never wastes anything

Almonds are therefore good for the eyes, cashew nuts for kidneys, coconut for head and hair, beetroots for the blood, and lady's fingers for - well, for ladies' fingers!

"Wouldn't you like fingers like this lovely lady's fingers we're having for lunch?" I asked a pretty young visitor. "No" she said. "They're much too squishy."

Never mind. All our plants are good for something or the other.

The grandmother and the neem tree had one thing in common: they hated waste. Granny thought it a sin to waste food when there were so many hungry children in the world, and I would be taken to task if I left any unpopular vegetable on my plate. Like her, the neem tree never wastes anything. Its leaves, its bark, its twigs, its seed pods, its oil, all have their uses. The bark is medicinal. The leaves contain a compound that repels insects. The twigs are used as tooth brushes. Oil from the seeds is used in soaps and moisturising creams. An all-purpose tree! Granny would have approved!

I remember walking down an avenue of neem trees on the outskirts of Meerut, many years ago. There had just been a heavy shower, and the road was covered with thousands of neem pods that had been brought down by rain. Now

grows easily, the monsoon rains helping it along. For most of the year, the villages near Mussorie are without water for irrigation, and they lie dry and fallow. But as soon as the rains break, there is considerable activity on the terraced field, and beans, peas, cucumbers, radishes, corn are soon turning the hillsides green with their foliage and produce. Even as I write, Beena is in the kitchen slicing up fresh green beans to make my favourite 'aloo-beans' sabzi. And tomorrow we will have red beans, rajma. And day after, white beans. Every day, the boys from Kolti, the nearest village, bring us fresh supply of beans. We now have a surplus of them. I am beginning to look like a fat bean. I can't eat beans forever! Or maybe I can. They are full of goodness, the good earth's bounty. And for those who eat little or no meat, beans provide the necessary protein.

Long ago, during that bleak period in London, when I was living in a small attic room with one tiny window, I planted a bean in a small container of earth. I did not expect anything to come up. But a few days later, a small green shoot made its appearance, and before long I had a climbing bean for company; a reminder that outside the cities, there were still bean fields in blossom.

Adding the W in Wikipedia

Last week, Wikipedia hit the headlines after it was reported that Nobel Prize-winning physicist Donna Strickland didn't have her own page until after her win. Back home, a few determined editors are determined to close Wiki's gender gap

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What does Tessy Thomas, the first woman to head a missile project in India, have in common with the late Justice Leila Seth, educator Mary Roy, hockey player Rani Rampal and weightlifter Yumnam Renu Bala Chanu? These women got a small mention on Wikipedia. Until recently.

Over the last two years, editathons (pronounced edit-a-thons) or gatherings of editor-volunteers have helped create/add to Wikipedia entries on these Indian women, in a bid to set right a glaring gender skew in the online encyclopedia.

The gender gap isn't restricted to India. Last week, it took a Nobel Prize win for physicist Donna Strickland to get a Wikipedia page of her own. Her male co-winner has had one since 2005. Only 18% of the English Wikipedia's biographies are about women. Women are also under-represented among its volunteer editors — according to a 2012 editor survey, only 10% are female globally. In India, the figure is 3%. This, even after several editathons where articles on women are created, edited and embellished. In 2015-16, NGO Breakthrough India organised 12 editathons in collaboration with the Centre for Internet and Society.

Feminism in India, a digital platform, has held editathons since 2016. Each daylong event is usually attended by 10-25 volunteers, many of them students and young professionals, who get a primer on editing and Wikipedia rules. They focus on women who have scanty

or no representation on the website. Founder Japleen Pasricha says, "Our aim is to increase the representation of women on the internet."

Wikipedia entries on women also reflect subtle sexist biases. "A lot of times, a man will have a bigger article than a woman from the same field. When a woman's husband or relative

is well-known, you will see an entire para devoted to him. Women's personal lives are brought up right in the introduction," Pasricha says.

Technologist Rohini Lakshane has been a Wikipedia editor since 2008, and has organised and participated in editathons. The events, she says, address the gender gap in content but don't necessarily add to the number of women editors who contribute regularly. While these projects aim to correct biases in terms of "those who write and are written about", there is a dearth of contextual reference material and training for contributors, adds Lakshane. Along with three

other volunteers, she is working on a community toolkit to sensitise Wikipedia editors in India on identifying how issues like gender, sexuality, caste, class and disability play out on Wikipedia and create content gaps.

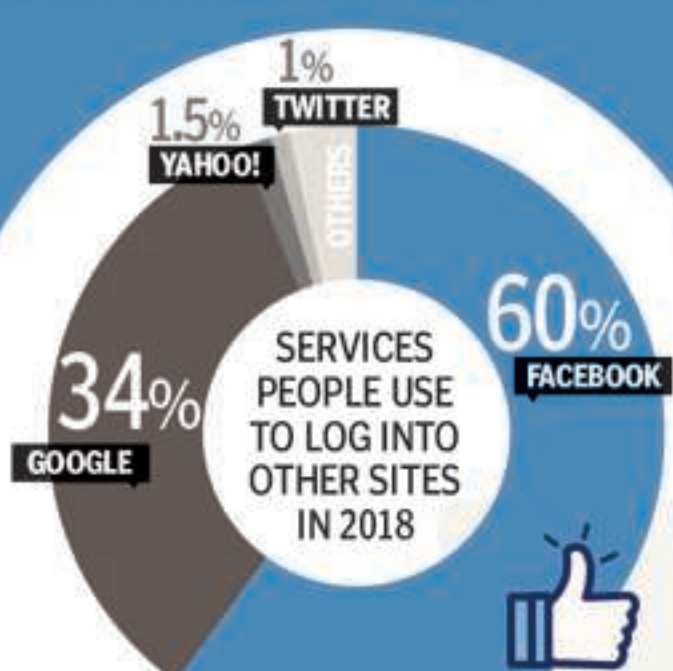
The website's skewed gender ratio means that women editors are also deterred by the sexism they encounter from other editors.

"It can range from slurs to having your edits reverted or edited on frivolous grounds," Lakshane says. "You have to take the trouble of making the edits and doing the research, but also defending them. Some women I know have quit because of Wikipedia harassment which spilled into real life." Lakshane and her team themselves faced harassment



SURVIVING THE FACEBOOK HACK

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Use a dedicated password manager. But the answer may not be to rely on your own weak (usually) password. You could use a service that creates and remembers strong passwords for different sites, like LastPass or 1Password

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